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Rasic returns

A.P.I.A. has appointed Rale Rasic as coach for the 1986 season. After some weeks of negotiations and following Fil Bottalico's resignation, the former Soccerroo boss got the nod last Thursday night at a special Committee meeting.

APIA president Nick Papallo was delighted with the appointment.

"We've never been a club that makes rapid changes in search of success. We give an idea time to bear fruit and if the fruit is bad, then we change tack.

"There were one or two bad decisions over the past few years, but it's always easy to look at things in retrospect.

"Bottalico was a good servant to APIA and did a good job under the cir-

By ALEX VESIC

cumstances but there comes a time when a change is needed and, after the resignation of Bottalico, we found the way open to negotiate with Rale Rasic.

"He was, of course, one of the applicants, but shaded the other aspirants in the final countdown. We are happy to have acquired his services and hope that APIA will be closer to the top than it has been in the last few years.

"We also aim to appoint a fairly strong youth coach in order to have a good nursery.

The credentials of Zvonimir "Rale" Rasic speak for themselves.

He coached Footscray JUSTI, St George Budapest and the Australian National team up to 1974. He was most

successful at Marconi, beaten in the 1977 NSL by Hakoah on goal averages.

The following year he was seven points adrift from Marconi's nearest rival when his old side, J.U.S.T., came to Bossley Park to inflict a humiliating defeat on Marconi which set the stage for Marconi's incredible fall — to fourth place.

Marconi reached the grand final but lost to Hakoah 2-4.

He then had two years at Adelaide City Juventus for two fifth spots as well as victory in the National Cup. Blacktown City was next stop but the side was relegated, finishing second last.

His move to South Melbourne Hellas saw yet another sad debacle. There are few men in Australian football who would deny that Rasic created a great team at South Melbourne Hellas.

However, before it could even settle

and show its wares, Rasic was forced out by a combination of players, committeemen and outside influence.

It is now history that the side Rasic created as Hellas picked up the 1984 Australian championship and has experienced little if no change at all.

Then came a long period of reflection and bitterness. The departure of Les Scheinflug from the Australian national team as well as the youth team along with his long-standing friend Raul Blanco did not do much for Rasic's confidence in the game.

Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic appointed Blanco as its coach for 1985, with Rasic as mentor of its large youth brigade.

Whether Rasic will succeed at APIA remains to be seen but I have no doubt that he can teach most of the NSL coaches a thing or two.



Rale Rasic — coach of APIA

ODZAKOV THE KEY

By LAURIE SCHWAB

NEW ZEALAND 0 AUSTRALIA 0, crowd 14,826. Referee: Keith Hackett (England) 7. Caution: Mitchell (Aust).

NEW ZEALAND: van Houtum 8 — Booth 8 — S. Rufer 7, Evans 8, Dunford 7, Crosswell 7 — Turner 8, Sumner 6, Edge 5, (Henry 8th) — W. Rufer 8, Walker 8. Coach: Kevin Fallon.

AUSTRALIA: Greedy 7 — Yankos 8 — Odzakov 8, Ratcliffe 8, O'Connor 6 (inj. sub Dunn 6th), Jennings 6 — Watson 5, Murphy 4, Crino 7 — Kosmina 6, Mitchell 8. Coach: Frank Arok.

The quicker Zarko Odzakov is moved into midfield, the better chance Australia has of winning the Oceania qualifying group.

And the switch depends heavily on Alan Davidson.

It remains to be seen whether Davidson will be fit to play in the Ampol challenge match against China in Brisbane on Friday.

He returned from Nottingham Forest convinced he had overcome a back injury that sidelined him for much of last season, but the pain returned, forcing him out of the squad that went to Auckland for last Saturday's match.

If he recovers, he will resume at right back on Friday, and Odzakov will move into midfield to replace probably Joe Watson.

Coach Frank Arok said after Saturday's scoreless draw that's what he had in mind before Davidson was ruled out.

Mike Petersen will make a strong bid for a midfield position in later World Cup games if Davidson does not recover, and if Odzakov remains at right back.

Man of the match:
WYNTON RUFER
(New Zealand)

Unfortunately, Ian Gray could slot in at right back.

On the other hand, Ken Murphy and Joe Watson may improve sufficiently on Friday to make it hard for Arok to replace one or the other. Both were well below par against New Zealand.

Whatever happens, Odzakov or Petersen would appear to be preferable to Watson in midfield.

Murphy hasn't had a really good game for quite some time but at his best, he is a determined runner who covers well and is strong in the challenge.

China beat Australia 3-2 in Beijing with some sensational inter-passing last year.

The Chinese were generally faster than the Australians in that match, so perhaps Arok may retain Robbie Dunn in defence.

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O'Connor killed

Phil O'Connor (pictured), 31, the 1983 "Soccer Action" — Boral Bricks national Player of the Year, has been killed in a car crash.

He scored 87 NSL goals during a distinguished career with St. George Budapest, APIA, Wollongong and his latest club, Blacktown, which he joined last year, after deciding against a move to Heidelberg-Alexander.

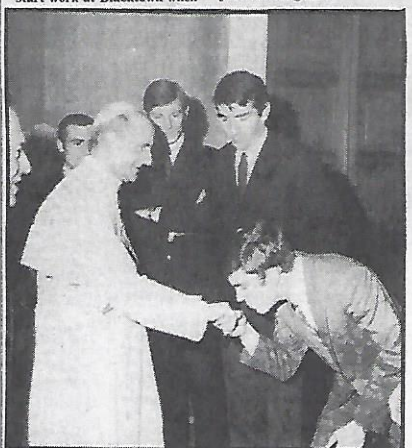
He represented Australia 29 times.

O'Connor was driving from his home in Wollongong to start work at Blacktown when



his car ran off the Appin Road and crashed into a tree.

He leaves a wife and a four-year-old daughter.



• A highlight in the career of Roberto Vieri (right) — an audience with Pope Paul XI. More historic photos of Vieri are on page 7.

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• Opposing World Cup captains, John Kosmina (left) and Allan Booth, in Auckland. See pages 2 & 3.

MOVE THE WORLD CUP!

It would be immoral of Mexico to go ahead and stage the 1986 World Cup finals following the devastating earthquakes of the past few days.

The millions it would cost to put on the finals should be used on emergency aid for the earthquake victims and to rebuild the flattened cities.

The Mexican government should tell FIFA immediately to look for an alternative World Cup venue.

And the best alternative would be the USA

By LAURIE SCHWAB

and Canada which applied jointly to stage the finals when Colombia declared it could not host them after all.

Conflicting reports from Europe claim that the World Cup will go ahead as scheduled in Mexico, and that they may be shifted to West Germany.

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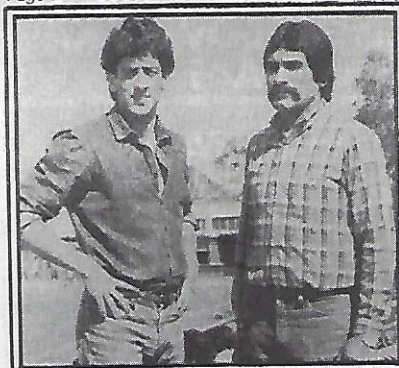
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• Vicente Estavillo (left) with Auburn-Uruguay teammate Raul Carrizo. Picture by ALEX VESIC.

Penarol, Nacional, Olympiakos and now NSW?

By ALEX VESIC

Will Vicente Estavillo join Marconi? It's a possibility, as coach Les Scheinflug has spoken with the Auburn-Uruguay star.

The player we referred to as Julio Estavillo since he arrived earlier this year is not Julio after all. His name is Vicente Salvador Estavillo and he is, as we wrote last season, one of the best players to come to Australia.

And he played for Penarol, Nacional and Olympiakos.

But the 24-year-old Uruguayan star now wants to continue playing in Australia.

He started his career with Wanderers, Estavillo moved to Greece to play for Olympiakos. A unfortunate knee injury put him out of the game for a while and on his return he was loaned to Yaminia, also a First Division outfit.

He returned to Uruguay and signed for Nacional of Montevideo but with a first-team place not secure, he moved to North America to try his luck with Crete. The team promptly won the championship but folded the following year for lack of sponsors.

It was time to hoist the flag and move to Australia to join Uruguay, the lowest standard of competition Estavillo has experienced to date. And while he was happy to honor his commitment to the club, he feels he could play for at least another two years in high competition.

What does he feel about the competition and the standard of play in the NSW State League?

"A lot of naive inexperienced players are involved in playing the game. It makes my job easier but I thrive on hard, strong competition and would like a chance to play in the NSL," Estavillo said at Marconi Stadium.

Other Sydney clubs apart from Marconi have shown interest in the experienced and skillful star from Uruguay and I have no doubt he will be snapped up soon. His displays in the NSW State League showed him to be the type of player wanted by the people on the terraces — entertaining and effective as well.

An offer came from Hong Kong a week ago.

"I would prefer to stay in Australia, and I hope to be in the NSL," suggested Estavillo despite the Hong Kong offer.

Vicente Salvador Estavillo is a FREE player. He has completed his obligation to the Uruguayan club and is free to negotiate terms.

It is not too often that one gets the opportunity to see a man of his calibre in action. It would be interesting to see just how many clubs decide to go for his services. After all, most of our administrators harp about the inflated price of the overseas stars.

Here's one who comes at a deflated price!

MOVE THE WORLD CUP!

"The Committee categorically denies any reports that the World Cup will be postponed," said a communique from World Cup organising committee.

However, despite the announcement, the West German mass-circulation newspaper "Bild Am Sonntag" reported doubts were growing within FIFA that Mexico could rebuild hotels and its transportation network in time to hold the World Cup as scheduled next May.

"Naturally we still need a clear picture on what actually has happened in Mexico. But out of that (earthquake devastation in Mexico), it may come to pass that the World Cup is brought to West Germany," FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni told "Bild".

"We have emergency plans ready," "Bild" quoted Tognoni as saying in an interview in Zurich, Switzerland, headquarters of the federation.

On Saturday, committee officials visited the two main stadiums in Mexico City and, with the aid of architects and engineers, determined that the structures had survived intact.

Officials also visited the seven-story Press Centre being built in the Polanco area in northwestern Mexico City and found there

Mallacoota Cup time

Victorian club Sandringham City defends the Mallacoota Cup on the weekend of October 4 and 5.

The Mallacoota Cup, one of the most successful end-of-season competitions in Victoria, is in its 14th year.

The Flag Inn at Mallacoota is the Cup's major sponsor, contributing \$1,000 to this year's competition.

The 10 teams in the Cup are split into two groups. Group A comprises Sandringham, Moreland, Harbord Diggers, Hurstville RSL and Hornsby RSL. Group B comprises Fernhill, Yallourn, Mallacoota United, Brookvale and Gwawley Bay.

Two guest stars with the Mallacoota United team are brothers Mike Tullawa (Inter Monaro) and Raphael Underwood (Knox City).

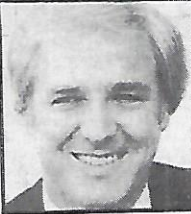
The winning team receives Puma sports bags and T-shirts. It also gets a chance to return to the superb Victorian coastal town of Mallacoota, the setting for what is a most enjoyable weekend of soccer. On the Monday following the Cup final, Mallacoota United has organised a huge picnic for all the competing clubs.

Previous winners of the Mallacoota Cup:

1972 — Bairnsdale; 1973 — Bairnsdale; 1974 — Bairnsdale; 1975 — Harbord Diggers; 1976 — Wiltonians; 1977 — Concord; 1978 — Concord; 1979 — Mallacoota United; 1980 — Sandringham; 1981 — Numawang City; 1982 — Springvale United; 1983 — Yallourn; 1984 — Sandringham.



• Sandringham City striker Alan Evans, one of the stars of the 1985 Mallacoota Cup. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



Peter Sheean (pictured) and Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd have parted company.

ASF Marketing Ltd promotes matches by the Socceroos and stages international tournaments in return for sponsoring the Australian Soccer Federation and its national teams.

Sheean, as head of ASF Marketing Ltd, arranged three tournaments over the past two years, and all of them lost money.

Socceroo coach Frank Ark said after the Socceroos' World Cup match in Auckland on Saturday, that Sheean had sold his share in ASF Marketing, the Australian arm of British sports promotion firm West Nally Ltd.

It is believed that a New Zealand firm is now involved but the exact composition of ASF Marketing Ltd always has been somewhat of a mystery even to leading ASF officials.

Sheean calls it quits

— LAURIE SCHWAB

A dream start for Nyskohus

Beograd and Polonia enter tonight's (Wednesday) West End Premier Cup first leg semi-finals in Adelaide as joint favorites.

Polonia clashes with Azzurri in the first of the double-header semi-finals at Hindmarsh Stadium, with Beograd tackling Birkalla in the late game.

The return legs will be played at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday when extra-time and penalties will decide the finalists.

Beograd romped into the semis with a withering 6-1 win over Para Hills last Saturday to finish the tie on an 8-1 aggregate.

Polonia was equally impressive in its 3-1 demolition of

Rothmans League champion Salisbury United to record a 6-1 aggregate over the two legs.

The other semi-finalists, Birkalla and Azzurri forced heavy-weather entry against determined opposition.

New Beograd coach, Johnny Nyskohus, who succeeded Uros Zivkovic at the start of the West End Cup series, has enjoyed a dream start to his coaching career.

— ALLAN CRISP

Shillabeer's medal

By ALLAN CRISP

Beograd-Woodville defender Paul Shillabeer has won the South Australian Rothmans Medal.

In the most exciting contest since the award began in 1978, Shillabeer polled 27 points to win the award by one point from Para Hills captain Laurie Humphreys, with Polonia midfielder Garie Dooley third on 25 points.

Elegant midfielder Dooley won the medal in 1980 and was runner-up to John Francis of Azzurri last year.

Humphreys announced his retirement at the end of the league season.

Shillabeer's success brings Beograd its third medal triumph in eight years.

Wally Bojczuk, now Para Hills, won the medal in 1979 and Adrian Santrac, now Adelaide City, took the award in 1981.

Port Lincoln-born Shillabeer, 22, joined Beograd from Adelaide City at the beginning of the Rothmans League season.

A determined, skilful defender, Shillabeer made 43 National League appearances for City, mostly as a right full-back.

Most of his games for Beograd had been played in the centre of the defence in tandem with another former Adelaide City player, Chris Miller.

One of the first to congratulate Shillabeer at the end of the pulsating contest was new Beograd coach Johnny Nyskohus.

All the votes: 27. Shillabeer (Beog); 26. Humphreys (Para); 25. Dooley (Pol); 23. Doorne (Pol); 22. Herd (Azz); 16. Walker (Why); 15. Bell (Salis); 14. Francis (Azz); Gray (Salis); 13. Parks (Cumb); Hughes (Eliz); Boyle (Salis); Green (Birk); 12. Preston (Beog); 11. Privetta (Campb); Kelly (Eliz); Higgins (Salis); Hayes (Birk); 10. Sullivan (Campb); Doyle (Eliz); 8. Ruzmir (Beog); Devito (Azz); Just (Eliz); Kierno (Pol); Malscak (West Ad); 7. Toland (Beog); Charman (Cumb); Stefanopoulos (West Ad); 6. Meggetto (Campb); Slager (Croat); Pankhurst (Birk); Pope (Birk); Shaw (Why); 5. Decey (Campb); Beltrame (Campb); Miller (Azz); Gardiner (Para); Harvey (Para); Key (Para); Williams (Para); Jacques (Pol); Kessina (Pol); McNally (Salis); Ostendorf (Salis); Williams (Salis); Baker (West Ad); 4. Barendse (Campb); Edwards (Eliz); Moore (Eliz); Tufts (Salis); Genikas (West Ad); Keramidas (West Ad); Beldenweg (Why); 3. Ferraro (Campb); Holliday (Campb); O'Brien (Cumb); Abernethy (Azz); Alberman (Azz); Acton (Eliz); Edwards (Para); Latham (Salis); Hiern (West Ad); Loos



• Paul Shillabeer and the SA Rothmans Medal.

(West Ad), Pantaris (West Ad), Ammirato (Birk), Gemmell (Birk), Camarota (Why)

2. Greaves (Beog), Krizan (Beog), Cahlan (Campb), Key (Croat), Kerich (Croat), Leane (Cumb), McCreesh (Cumb), Cagiallino (Azz), Lilele (Azz), Knowles (Eliz), Archer (Para), Cole (Para), Moss (Para), Harwood (Salis), Harwood (Salis), Mousoulis (West Ad), Bruce (Why), Hargreaves (Why)

1. Brazzale (Beog), Hankar (Beog), Javanovic (Beog), Parks (Campb), Parsons (Campb), Richardson (Campb), Timar (Croat), Evans (Cumb), Hall (Cumb), Boffa (Azz), Knowles (Eliz), Brooks (Para), Dawson (Para), Prybylowski (Para), Catus (Pol), Pelizzari (Pol), Ronksley (Pol), Crook (West Ad), Papazoglu (West Ad), Tsalalor (West Ad), Kirk (Birk), Mahony (Birk)

The following players also scored points but were found guilty of an offence and therefore were ineligible for the Rothmans Medal.

12. Weish (Beog); 12. Marwe (Croat); 11. Briscoe (Birk); 10. Bridges (Croat); 8. Michelson (Azz); 7. Miller (Beog); Blute (Croat); Bojczuk (Para); Wends (Why); 6. Aretzina (Beog); Pidgeon (Cumb); Thomas (Cumb); 5. Stuart (Cumb); Michelson (Azz); 4. Karpinski (Pol); Mohring (Birk); 3. Marjelic (Croat); Paleka (Croat); Vasilas (Cumb); 2. Murdoch (Cumb); Pankhurst (Cumb); Sweeney (Cumb); Ford (Cumb); Mandor (Azz); Bebie (Eliz); Tomlinson (Para); Webster (Para); Muller (Pol); Haig (Salis); Kapisitis (West Ad); 1. Amos (Campb); Wilde (Azz); Diabariolo (Pol); Gasperotto (Salis); Markopoulos (West Ad); Pletas (Birk)

POINTS TABLE

OCEANIA-ISRAEL GROUP									
Israel	2	2	-	-	11	0	4		
New Zealand	1	-	1	-	0	0	1		
Australia	1	-	1	-	0	0	1		
China-Taipei	2	-	-	2	0	11	0		

Remaining games in group: October 5, New Zealand v China-Taipei, Auckland. October 8, Israel v Australia, Israel. October 12, China-Taipei v New Zealand, Auckland. October 20, Australia v Israel, Australia. October 23, Australia v China-Taipei, Australia. October 26, New Zealand v Israel, Auckland. October 27, China-Taipei v Australia, Australia. November 3, Australia v New Zealand, Australia. November 10, Israel v New Zealand, Israel.

A KIWI VIEW

North Shore coach Don Jones says:



SOCEROOS BORING!

REFEREE Keith Hackett bombed a fair goal by the All Whites in the crucial World Cup qualifying clash against Australia at Mount Smart Stadium.

There was no reason why he shouldn't have allowed Wynton Rufer's goal. Hackett reckons the ball was moving but there's no way I'll go along with that.

It was an abysmal decision.

Overall, the ref had a fairly good game earlier I felt he could have brought out the yellow card a bit earlier to cut down the barging and he was also a bit inconsistent in this area.

If they produce a performance like that in the rematch in Sydney they will get the raspberry.

They were boring.

It's really difficult trying to pick one of their players that stood out.

I felt the Australians never showed their hand yesterday but they certainly won't be able to do the same in the return match.

I think New Zealand coach Kevin Fall will be happy with the 0-0 draw. I would be.

We drew 3-3 with Australia at Mount Smart in the last World Cup campaign and then beat the Aussies 2-0 in the return match on their home patch.

I feel we will play exactly the same over in Australia.

Midfielder Grant Turner was my man of the match. He may have been running out of steam near the end but he certainly took Oscar Crino out of the game. It was the quietest match I have seen from Crino.

All White defenders Malcolm Dunford and Ceri Evans played extremely well while I thought Shane Rufer's time passes from the back were excellent.

But there must be question marks hanging over Steve Sumner and Declan Edge for the All Whites' next qualifying game against China-Taipei.

Edge only got into the game late in the second spell and I thought he could have been subbed earlier. In the first spell, I felt he should have really run at Zarko Odzakov with a full head of steam.

Sumner was still waiting to get into the game at the break and he could have pushed out to the flanks on attack a bit more.

I thought Peter Henry (who came on as a sub in the dying minutes) and Duncan Cole should have come on earlier.

Australian coach Frank Ark said he admired the All Whites' organisation. No wonder, the only organisation among the Aussies was that they had the numbers back for their defence.

Charles Yankos must still be the slowest sweeper in the game while Joe Watson looked older than coach Ark.

(From the "New Zealand Herald")

AUSTRALIA B DOWNS CHINA

AUSTRALIA B 2 (Petersen 50th, Wade 72nd) CHINA 0 Seiffert Oval, Monday night. Crowd: about 3,000. Referee: Richard Lorenc 8.

AUSTRALIA B: Banovic 7 (Farina H.T. 8) — Gray 7 (Carter 85th), Dunn 8, McDowell 7, McCulloch 7 — Farina 9, Miranda 6 (Lee 70th), Petersen 9, Wade 7 — Arnold 7 (Kalantzis 70th), Patikas 7. Coach: John Margartis.

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Arok on verge of bringing on Patikas

From page one

Dunn replaced Steve O'Connor who complained about a hamstring injury during the second half in Auckland.

Arok has been admirably loyal to his players throughout the lead-up campaign and maintained that loyalty in resisting the temptation to make changes in the second half against New Zealand.

"It was important to retain the confidence of the players. After all, we were not losing, and any changes may have upset the rhythm and proved disastrous," Arok said.

He conceded that from the opposite point of view, changes may have resulted in victory, but he wasn't about to take the chance.

He had, however, contemplated bringing Jim Patikas into the team at right midfield, in place of Watson or Murphy, and relying on Patikas's ability to break through from deep positions.

He had not considered replacing one of the strikers. "Putting on a forward for a forward would have served no purpose," he said. "And Patikas needs space so he can run onto the ball. The New Zealand defence gave us no space at all. As sweeper, Alan Boath was always 10 or 15 metres behind, to cut everything off."

Arok was not happy with the team's performance but satisfied with having gained a point away from home.

He repeated that he had aimed all along to a draw in Auckland and Tel Aviv, and to beat New Zealand and Israel at home.

He predicted that Israel would not be able to cope with either Australia or New Zealand. "Israel won't be capable of resisting the physical punishment. They will start doing silly things," he said.

Nevertheless, with 11 goals from two games against Taiwan, Israel remains the team to beat.

Australia meets the Israel's on October 8 and 20. New Zealand meets them on October 26 and, in the last Oceania group match, on November 10.

Socceroo captain Kosmina expects a vast improvement from his players in later World Cup matches.

"We were nervous and over-cautious," he said after Saturday's match. "We gave the ball away too much in midfield in the first half, but in the second half, we got our midfielders forward a lot more."

New Zealand seemed to panic in the second half, when we got on top."

He rated New Zealand as highly as the side that qualified for the World Cup in 1981.

Arok said the Socceroos had been unable to play their normal game in the first half, because New Zealand was better than he had expected.

"They are a very good unit, they chase everything, and they have some extraordinary solutions," he said. "I was

also surprised by the quality of some of the players — Walker up front, Boath who surprised us as sweeper, and the two Rufar brothers who really are the strength of the team.

"I was impressed. New Zealand plays typical third division English soccer.

"This result keeps everything open to both teams, but if I were the New Zealand coach, I wouldn't be happy at all."

New Zealand coach Kevin Fallon, although ever-critical of Australia, copied Arok's formation exactly. Like Australia, the Kiwis played 1-4-3-2, rather than 4-4-2 as they had previously.

That rattled the Socceroos. And nerves were further frayed when O'Connor came close to scoring an own goal, with a low over goalkeeper Terry Greedy in the first few minutes.

What's more, New Zealand had a goal disallowed by English referee Keith Hackett — a decision over which the Kiwis still are fuming.

Quite frankly, New Zealand supported by a 14,000 crowd — the biggest at a soccer game in Auckland for a long time — looked more composed, more purposeful and less brittle than Australia.

Striker Wynton Rufer clearly was the man of the match, followed closely by his partner Colin Walker. Rufer is tremendously sharp and inventive. He plays first-time passes with flair and accuracy, and he is brilliant at flicking on the ball with his head. No-one on the field did as many extraordinary things as he did.

Indeed, the constructive play of Rufer and Walker up front was the biggest difference between the two sides, although David Mitchell battled hard in Australia's attack.

Shane Rufer, who had arrived with brother Rufer a few days earlier from Switzerland where they are contracted to FC Zurich, forced his way into the opening line-up at right back, ahead of Richard Mulligan, while young left flanker Declan Edge was preferred to experienced Duncan Cude (ex-Cambridge).

Edge has ability, but he was unable to cope against the experienced Odzakov.

Similarly, midfielder Steve Sumner had an off day in midfield, but Grant Turner (ex-Hellas) played strongly against Oscar Crino, who shone only in patches.

Graham Jennings, the Australian left back, was hit hard a couple of times, and you could tell that he was suffering from butterflies. On a through ball from Kosmina, however, he did reach the byline but no-one was in the middle when he cut it back in the 8th minute of play.

Australia's best moment came in the 18th minute. Boath, pursued by Mitchell, headed the ball out for a corner, which was taken from the left by Watson. Centre back Ceri Evans headed it clear, and it went to Odzakov who unleashed a thunderous 39-

SUPPORT

Ansett Group Travel arranged a visit to Auckland by a band of Socceroo supporters who cheered on the team at Mt Smart Stadium.

They were mainly from Sydney. The Melbourne representatives were from Green Gully — Arnold Langer, Paul Azzopardi, George Gatt and Ray O'Shannassy who proudly waved a green and gold kangaroo flag.



Clash of the tough men — David Ratcliffe (left) and Colin Walker.



Zarko Odzakov (front) fends off Declan Edge, with Kenny Cresswell in the background. Pictures by LES 'SHORROCK.

metre drive which was deflected on its way. Goalkeeper Frank van Hattum flew instinctively, got his fingertips to it, and the ball bounced onto the underside of the crossbar, down and out again.

But New Zealand replied with a promising attack within a minute, forcing Greedy to pounce at Walker's feet after Wynton Rufer had headed the ball on.

Crino played the ball into space, and Boath, in clearing it, clashed heavily with Mitchell, who was shown the yellow card — the only caution of the game.

A long, clearing header by O'Connor after a goal kick started an Australian attack soon afterwards. Mitchell was chasing the ball but so too was van Hattum who came out to the edge of the area and reached it just ahead of Mitchell.

Wynton Rufer showed his skill in getting tip-toe control of a dropping ball past the far post, and then slipping it inside to Turner who tried another square pass. Crino, however, had come storming back, and cleared the danger.

Then came New Zealand's disallowed goal.

Greedy stopped the ball with his hands, and then picked it up. Referee Hackett ruled Greedy had had the ball under control the first time and therefore was not entitled to touch it again until someone else had played it. Walker placed the ball for a quick free

kick to Rufer who drove the ball low into the empty net.

Hackett, a long way behind play, blew the whistle, and ordered the kick to be retaken. He said afterwards the ball had not been stationary at the time Walker kicked it. Fallon said it was a lame excuse and that Hackett "should have had more balls." A video replay proved Hackett wrong.

Just before half time, Rufer brilliantly nodded on a long free kick from Boath, and Walker stormed in to challenge for it, along with Greedy who coped a heavy knock and needed treatment as the teams went in for the break.

Rufer and Walker had been given too much room by the Australian stoppers in the first half, so that needed to change if the Socceroos were to avoid defeat. Indeed, the defence did get tighter.

But in the 52nd minute, a short headed clearance by Odzakov went straight to Walker who blasted an angled shot which Greedy saved desperately at the near post.

Odzakov then went on a long, mazy run past New Zealand defenders, all the way to the byline but no-one moved up to support him, and his cut-back was gathered in by van Hattum.

O'Connor was signalling to the bench to be replaced because of a hamstring problem, and so Robbie Dunn came on for his first full international appearance. He and Odzakov

were naturalised especially for the World Cup campaign.

Crino was becoming more and more prominent in the second half. He sent a fine through ball to Kosmina and Crino showed great skill in controlling the return pass, but Evans was on hand to stop Crino with a fine tackle.

Then Rufer darted away and, on an impossible angle, hit the bottom of the far post, with Walker failing to get onto the rebound. Some said Rufer had run the ball out of play before kicking it.

With five minutes to go, Kosmina played a through ball for Crino, running towards goal. Crino tried a lob over goalkeeper van Hattum but was unable to steady, as van Hattum ran into him as he took the shot, which sailed over the bar. van Hattum stayed down, requiring treatment.

Edge was injured in a clash with Yankos in the last minute, and replaced by Peter Henry.

Match statistics

Exceptional passes:

- W Rufer
- Crino, Kosmina
- Sumner
- Mitchell, Ratcliffe, Walker, Odzakov, S Rufer

Attempts at goal:

- Mitchell, Odzakov, W Rufer, Walker, Turner
- Boath, S. Rufer, Crino, Cresswell (Offside or disallowed shots not included)

Exceptional tackles, interceptions, headed clearances or saves:

- Yankos
- Boath
- van Hattum
- Ratcliffe, Greedy
- O'Connor, Crino
- Evans, Mitchell, Odzakov
- Dunford, Watson, S Rufer, Turner, Cresswell, Walker, Sumner

SCORING ATTEMPTS: New Zealand 10, Australia 6.

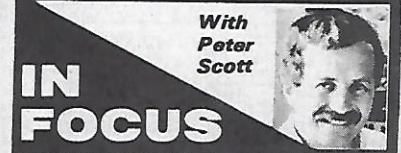
CORNERS: New Zealand 3, Australia 2.

Dismal record

New Zealand had a dismal international season in 1984, winning only four of 16 games and being beaten by all four opponents — Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Bahrain and Kuwait — in the Olympic Games qualifying tournament.

New Zealand's 1984 results: v Malaysia (Wgton) won 2-0 v Malaysia (ChCh) won 6-1 v Malaysia (Auck) drew 0-0 v Saudi Arabia (Sing) lost 1-3 v Kuwait (Singapore) lost 0-2

v South Korea (Sing) lost 0-2 v Bahrain (Singapore) lost 0-1 v Glasgow Rangers (Auck) lost 0-3 v Fiji (Lautoka) won 2-1 v Fiji (Suva) drew 1-1 v Newcastle (a) lost 0-3 v Reading (a) won 2-1 v Glasgow Rangers (a) lost 0-5 v Leicester City (a) lost 1-4 v v Portsmouth (a) lost 2-3 v England 'B' (a) lost 0-2



Hard road ahead

Optimistic sounds from our camp notwithstanding, the Socceroos face a hard road to meet Scotland — let alone get to Mexico. The one point gained in Auckland was undoubtedly valuable, but the performance produced by both teams was far from impressive.

What was missing was the flair and explosive penetration of Marshall Soper but, of course, his antics quite rightly disqualified him from membership of the World Cup squad.

Perhaps speedsters Jim Patikas and Frank Farina will get a chance to show their wares in the coming clashes.

It does seem valid to remark here that modern trends in soccer notwithstanding, a good dose of orthodox wing-play might go a long way towards remedying obvious deficiencies in creating chances and capitalising on them.

TV BLUES

As so often before, SBS television was on hand in Auckland to allow Aussie fans to witness a major Socceroo occasion. It was not the multicultural network's fault that the match failed to provide any sort of entertainment at all to spectators.

Nor was it the SBS team's fault that the telecast itself — provided by New Zealand TV — failed to live up to its usual high technical standards. It was rather pathetic to hear Les Murray's plaintive plea for occasional shots of Frank Arok, quite early in the game.

Camera angles, especially in the first half, were far from satisfactory and slow motion replays were not always available nor prompt enough. Maybe we are spoiled by the excellent coverage emanating from SBS teams and European networks on Channel 0/28.

Entertainment?

May I beg to differ with those who proclaim that somehow the pressure cooker atmosphere of World Cup elimination rounds automatically precludes the production of entertaining soccer?

Nor true, my friends. Those of us who have seen some of the brilliantly entertaining displays in games such as Hungary v Austria and Bulgaria v France in Europe, as well as South American clashes, again courtesy of SBS-TV, know that boredom is not a necessary accompaniment to Cup soccer.

Too often the talents of our guys are underestimated and even discounted in an unwarranted manner. By the same token, it is doing our Socceroos a disservice to look for non-existent explanations when they produce a bad one.



Robbie Dunn, making his full international debut, is caught between New Zealanders Allan Boath (left) and Shane Rufer.

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• Stefan Janic (centre), the leading scorer in the NSW State League, at the Polonia table with president John Steigel (left) and Richard Lesek.



• Raul Carrizo (second from left) and Gary Hastie (second from right) at the Uruguay table.

All the votes

Votes in the 1985 NSW Rothmans Medal

34. Sobczyk (Pol)
25. Bertram (Kur-ring-gal)
22. Borges (Cant)
19. Barker (Manly) Peil (Fairy Mead) Richardson (Fairy Mead)
17. Pilavski (Rock)
16. Hummel (Cant)
15. Lembryk (Av)
14. Brown (Rock) Dean (Warr) Dick (Manly) Meerbani (Banks)
12. Murray (Av)
11. Thurlow (Av) Tracey (Av) Wilson (Melita)
9. Carney (Av) Dalforno (Suth) Fernandez (Urug) Harrington (Suth) Jones (Fairy Mead) Mowbray (Fairy Mead) Smith (Bank)
8. Anderson (Pol) Gray (Suth) Stevens (Manly) Vujinovic (Pol) Wether (Suth)
7. Dean (Warr) Fontana (Fairy Mead) Hanzis (Cant) Janic (Pol) Metcay (Melita) Muller (Melita) Nacinovic (Warr) Ortega (Cant)
6. Allan (Melita) Doolis (Cant) Jeffrey (Av) Lacey (Kur-ring-gal) Leak (Manly) MacPherson (Melita) Meades (Suth) Pop (Pol) Plandine (Urug) Silva (Cant) Williamson (Manly)
5. Burrows (Suth) Beggs (Suth) Chau (Pol) Farrugia (Melita) Green (Banks) Groomer (Suth) Gale (Warr) Jones (Warr) McAusland (Melita) Pierce (Manly) Quigley (Kur-ring-gal) Rosano (Urug)



• Polonia's Henjek Sobczyk (second from right), is presented with the 1985 NSW Rothmans Medal by NSW Minister of Sport, Mr. Michael Cleary (left). Pictures: ALEX VESIC.

- ring-gal) Rosano (Urug)
4. Blackburn (Rock) Campbell (Manly) Rogers (Suth) Slavenski (Rock) Sarge (Warr) Schumann (Suth) Sutherland (Kur-ring-gal) Wilson (Rock) Walker (Melita)
3. Akoutas (Warr) Anderson (Av) Atlagic (Av) Bennett (Kur-ring-gal) Basterfield (Cant) Chilly (Fairy Mead) Divani (Av) Drys (Pol) Etherington (Manly) Griffin (Warr) Hall (Suth) Jones (Urug) Kedor (Pol) Kozzambos (Rock) Pagano (Manly) Popovich (Bank) Stead (Melita)
2. Bratkovic (Pol) Davies (Melita) Ellem (Kur-ring-gal) Elzein (Banks) Fleming (Fairy Mead) Fergusson (Rock) Fox (Manly) Geekie (Pol) Giraldo (Fairy Mead) Gracie (Manly) Holloway (Manly) Jamieson (Melita) McKegan (Kur-ring-gal) Mahamah (Pol) Rodas (Urug)
1. Anagnostopoulos (Cant) Apanian (Banks) Beringer (Fairy Mead) Curtis (Kur-ring-gal) Caban (Banks) Dart (Suth) El Hussein (Banks) Falzon (Pol) Griffiths (Melita) Hughes (Suth) Hanley (Warr) Kirwin (Cant) Krslovic (Urug) Nacinovic (Warr) Parfitt (Warr) Sandner (Warr) Vial (Melita) Van Helden (Warr) Watson (Kur-ring-gal)

Record winning margin in NSW Rothmans

BY ALEX VESIC

Henjek Sobczyk, the 37-year-old Polonia midfielder and one of the finest players to grace the NSW State League, has won the NSW Rothmans Medal for the best and fairest player of the year for 1985.

Nello Borges, the pre-dinner favorite, finished third on 22 points, while Terry Bertram, the Kuringai stalwart, took second place.

It is interesting to note that the next Polonia player to be rated was young goalkeeper Steve Anderson on eight points and in 26th spot, and Gorjo Vujinovic in 27th spot.

Janic, who won the league's coveted top scorer's award, finished on seven points, sharing 31st position.

Midfielders dominated proceedings yet again, with four in the top ten and 11 in the top 25.

Ian Barker was followed by Chris Hummel as the best goalkeeper in the State League, a rating endorsed by "Soccer Action" in its choice of the best keepers for the NSW all-star A and B teams for 1985.

Terry Bertram and John Lembryk were among the most successful defenders whilst Ross Brown was the most successful forward, finishing on 14 points to share tenth spot.

Sobczyk, happy to win the award, said he enjoyed the sudden responsibility that fell on his shoulders this year, after most of the 1984 side had departed.

Defeat after defeat did not lessen his enthusiasm and love for Polonia.

The arrival of Bratkovic, Vujinovic and Drys changed many things at the club. Sobczyk found an ally in Jurek Drys. They worked well together and no wonder. At one time the two played for the same side in Poland.

Will Sobczyk now leave soccer and Polonia?

"My wife will be very unhappy if I continued to play soccer, said the almost apologetic Sobczyk after receiving the award.

In 16 years of Rothmans awards, only one man has passed the 34-point mark — John Lee of Bankstown who finished on 36 points in 1979.

Henjek Sobczyk not only scored 34 but finished some nine points in front of Terry Bertram, creating a record winning margin.

Makedonia's name....

SIR, — I am writing to add my support to the two letters written by Mr. A. Talevski in "Soccer Action" on 28/8/85 and 4/9/85.

Mr. Talevski was right on the ball when he mentioned the discrimination shown by the A.S.F., N.S.L. and S.B.S. television towards the ethnic soccer supporters who, by the way, form a handsome majority of all supporters at N.S.L. matches.

The club I support, "Preston Makedonia" (with the greater emphasis on the word "Makedonia") entered the N.S.L. in 1981 and I was told by the N.S.L. that I support "Preston Burns". Now I'm told that I support Preston. Isn't it strange that in a democratic country like Australia, people are told what the names of the clubs they support will be? It's about time the people who form the N.S.L. management came out of their V.I.P. lounges and out into the terraces to hear what names the supporters are chanting. You don't hear "Makedonia" supporters chanting "Preston", "Hellas" supporters chanting "South Melbourne", "Croatia" supporters chanting "Melbourne".

I too was at that game between "Preston Makedonia" and "Heidelberg Alexander" where the teams' names were changed on the scoreboard.

S.B.S. Television omits the traditional names during its commentary on the "Olympic Airways Soccer League" program. Mr. Les Murray in "Soccer Action" on 11/9/85 stated that it was my club itself that wishes to be called Preston.

Well, then Mr. Murray, I suggest you do your homework before making such comments as I consulted a number of "Preston Makedonia" committee members over the weekend all of whom deny this.

Mr. Murray, you could provide an explanation for this and while you're at it you could also be kind enough to apologise not only to the "Preston Makedonia" committee but also to Mr. Talevski for the rude comment you made about him.

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The skill factor in our football is still less than ample. If we get past Israel it will be because we have organised our resources better than they have theirs.

And that means picking a team of the year — with my peculiar bent for skilful footballers, and from a competition distressingly barren of skill — is not a difficult chore.

In the area of goalkeepers there is no headache. There is little to choose between Greedy, Banovic, Franken and Oliver. And some others as well.

But I choose Greedy because I was lucky enough to see his mesmerising heroics against Glasgow Rangers at Ibrox. And that, folks, had to be seen to be believed.

In the sweeper's position there is no better or easier choice than Vedran Rozic. Next to him, where last year I had Tony Dakos but I can't because of injuries this year, one simply has to put David Ratcliffe — if only as a reward for his outstanding performances for Australia.

At right back, I suffer from Frank Arok's ailment and with no Alan Davidson to look back on, have chosen Zarko Odzakovic who has emerged as one of the reasons for which 1985 should be at all memorable.

He was not chaired off the field without cause after he upstaged Kevin Keegan at

Boxley Park in front of that multitude in May.

At left back Graham Jennings chooses himself, as he does for Arok and as he did for me last year.

With no third central defender in my team, and with the need for one of the two pivots to cover the flanks when they are exposed, I again fancy a strong midfielder just in front of them as extra cover when they're out of position.

For this, who better than Mike Petersen, a sweeper for part of the season but otherwise a superbly skilled, thoughtful yet rugged midfielder.

He is but 20 years old and in him lurks a permanent fixture in the Australian team. A ball-winner with the skill to create, he is a rare

mixture indeed.

In front of him I would put three more superb creators: Joe Watson, Oscar Crino and Steve Gojevic. None should cause any argument, with two of them permanent Socceros and even Gojevic selected on stand by for the World Cup matches.

In the striking line I can't think of a better partnership, on review, than Marshall Soper and Jim Patikas, even if leaving out Charlie Egan is a painful exercise.

This has been the best ever season for Patikas whose true position was finally found by Vedran Rozic at Croatia. As an explosive, accelerating striker, he was Croatia's most lethal weapon, as he was for the Socceros in that final game against Red Star.

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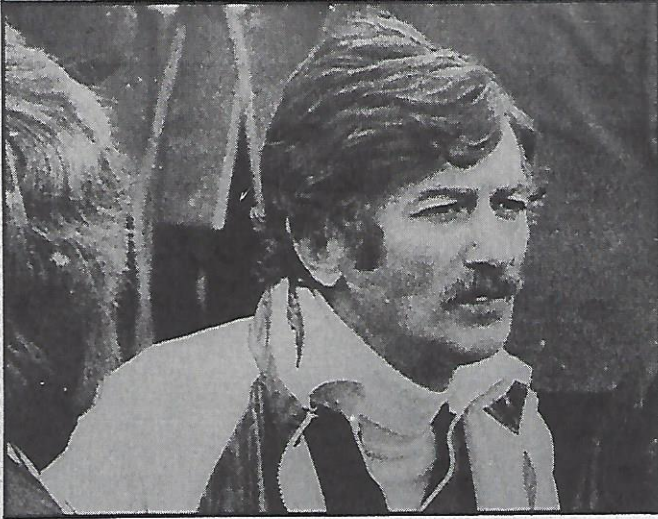
Austral United of Newcastle has secured the services of Roy Drinkwater as coach for 1986.

His career is well documented, starting as a full-time professional with Crewe in the United Kingdom before moving to New Zealand where he was selected to represent that country at international level and won the New Zealand National League player of the year award.

After a year with Brisbane Lions he moved to Newcastle to coincide with its entry to Australia's National League.

MARGARITIS

'The Fox' shares thoughts on players and tactics



• The intense concentration of Australia's most successful coach.

John Margaritis, 47, had waited since 1978 to win the NSL championship.

He started that season with West Adelaide Hellas, the club he had led to the 1976 South Australian championship before returning home to Melbourne.

"In 1978, we were six or seven points behind the leaders when I had a disagreement with the club and left. Dr. Zaikos had resigned from the presidency, I wanted some guarantees about security, and the new president, Bill Vassiliopoulos, wouldn't give them to me," Margaritis says.

"I had signed Vic Bozanic and Martyn Crook. I had brought Con Kambas out from Greece, I'd persuaded Dave Pillars to play again, and I'd teamed up Peter Boyle and Neil McGachey in the midfield.

"They went on to win the championship but I've always regretted not having been there at the end."

Now, seven years later, Margaritis has won the Australian championship with Brunswick-Juventus — not his first title by any means, but certainly the most prestigious.

He has a history of leading top teams and, before that, playing top soccer. He was with PAOK Salonika in Greece for 10 years — five in the senior team — and also represented Greece against Algeria and Italy.

Always a midfielder, he played in the company of legendary Greeks Loukanidis, Stefanakos, Nestoridis and Leandros.

After joining South Melbourne Hellas in 1981, he played in four championship-winning teams and scored about 10 goals in every one of his six years with the club.

He also represented Victoria regularly from 1961 to 1964, in the company of Tommy Stankovic, Kaz Kowalec, Vic Janczyk, Mike Jurecki, Dick van Alphen, Fred Fulson, Frank Micie and Rolo Rusio.

Returning to Greece in 1965, he spent half a season with PAOK and then became player-coach of Heidelberg-Alexander until he was injured and finally retired.

After some time in England where he gained British coaching qualifications, he was appointed coach of SM-Hellas and in his first season, led the club to the Victorian State League championship and Dockerty Cup. Hellas won the Cup again in 1975 but came second in the championship.

After taking West Adelaide to the 1978 South Australian title and to victory in the Coca-Cola Cup, Margaritis led Heidelberg-Alexander to third place in the inaugural NSL season.

Then it was back to West Adelaide for part of the 1978 season, followed by another stint with Heidelberg.

In 1980, he was voted Australian Coach of the Year for having lifted Hellas from last place in 1979 to second in 1980.

Margaritis left Hellas during 1982 and was replaced by Tommy Docherty.

In 1983 he was appointed coach of Juventus, then in the Victorian State League. Juventus was one of four State League teams chosen to enlarge the NSL for the 1984 season, and despite many injuries and suspensions, Juventus finished fifth that year. Now Margaritis has cashed in on his coaching ability and his recruiting. Juventus is the champion of Australia.

"Soccer Action editor LAURIE SCHWAB conducted the following interview with the 'The Fox,' who also is the Melbourne-based assistant to national coach Frank Arok.

SCHWAB: You've just returned from Flinders Island where you were with Jim Diamataris, the president of Hellas. Has Hellas made



• Hellas utility player Gary McDowell (right), challenged by Mike Petersen of Juventus. Margaritis chose McDowell in the national B team for games against China this week.

you an offer? Are you interested in joining them for next season?

MARGARITIS: I haven't even thought about Hellas. Jim Diamataris is a friend of mine. I see him all the time. First, I want to see what format the NSL will take next season, because the present format is no good, but I don't see any reason to leave Juventus. Why leave a champion team? I have had a few offers, I must admit, but there's no reason to leave Juventus.

SCHWAB: Having mentioned the league format, do you think the standard of competition has been high enough this year?

MARGARITIS: Our division has been OK, but in the other division, there was a huge gap between teams like Croatia, Marconi and Hakoah, and the lowly teams like Penrith, Wollongong and Newcastle.

SCHWAB: Seeing that Juventus beat Hakoah twice in the national final, does it mean the top teams in the South were generally better than the top teams in the North?

MARGARITIS: I wouldn't say that. You analyse the top players of Croatia, Marconi, Hakoah and Olympic, and you have to say that those teams are at least the equal of our top teams. Only form would make a difference at any given time.

SCHWAB: Why is it then, that Sydney players always seem to be preferred when it comes to selection of national teams?

MARGARITIS: The Sydney players in Frank Arok's squad were just lucky that they were there when Arok first took over and that they performed well and won games.

SCHWAB: But it's been going on for as long as I can remember.

MARGARITIS: Well, maybe in the past, Sydney simply had better players. That's no longer the case. The Melbourne players are just as good. However, when Arok took over, the foundation of the team already was there, and he added a few, like Charlie Yankos, and they became winners. You don't change when you're winning. You stick with the players who are doing the job, and who cares where they come from? Anyway, we're not talking about rubbish. You can't deny that Kosmina is a top scorer, or Ratcliffe is a top defender, or Odzakov is a great midfielder.

SCHWAB: What sort of influence do you have on the national team? To what extent does Arok heed your advice about tactics, for example?

MARGARITIS: I think I've helped Frank quite a bit. We were playing in Melbourne against Red Star, after having lost 1-4 in Adelaide. I thought that instead of getting our forwards to start pressurising inside the box, we should drop back, defend in numbers and play on the break. I thought that if we lost again, it would be very difficult to motivate the players for their World Cup games. You can only build confidence if you're winning. I give Frank all the advice I think is of use. What he accepts and what he rejects is up to him, but I have committed myself to the job, and I always fulfil my obligations.

SCHWAB: Talking about tactics, it seems to me, from having watched your teams for so

long, that defence and counter-attack would best describe your style.

MARGARITIS: No team in the world fails to drop back when it loses possession. Some teams recover well and win the ball back quickly. We are one of those teams that does it well. If you can get your players to accept from you the need for having to win the ball quickly, then you are succeeding in an important part of your coaching duty. Of course, I also make moves according to the opposition. That is simply observation. You need your eyes, your senses, your judgment, for that. You can't learn it at seminars or at schools. Also, as a coach, you must be willing to take risks.

SCHWAB: Like moving Joe Sweeney to full back, Paul Wade to centre forward and Mike Petersen from sweeper to midfielder in the Southern Division grand final against Macedonia.

MARGARITIS: Well, it worked. Some risks, though, aren't really risks. If I see the opposition is presenting me with a player whose got a broken leg or a broken brain, then I have to take advantage.

SCHWAB: You mentioned seminars, schools. Do you keep up with overseas trends?

MARGARITIS: I've gone to Europe lots of times to talk to other coaches, to visit clubs, to observe what is going on. Coaches over there put in more time, the soccer is better, they get more money than we do. If I don't go and learn from them, who do I learn from? Coaches here in Melbourne? On recent visits, I went to Dundee United, I went to Holland, Greece, I spent time with Chelsea and Queen's Park, I attended semi-



• Juventus's dynamic president Tony Schiavello with the champion's trophy.

nars at colleges in England, I spoke with foreign coaches in Greece, I was with PAOK for a while.

SCHWAB: But you have nothing to do with the Rothmans national coaching scheme, do you? You haven't been on any courses here.

MARGARITIS: I know it's there for the good of soccer, and it's a good idea for coaches to get together like they did in Canberra. But people who want to be coaches shouldn't rely only on getting a certificate. I know a guy who works at GMH as a cleaner who's got a certificate and reckons he's a coach. After doing any course, the ambitious would-be coach should try to go overseas and learn there, otherwise he'll never reach the top.

SCHWAB: It's so often said that football has changed over the years, that we're not seeing the sort of skill we used to.

MARGARITIS: I cannot believe that players of 20 years ago were more skilful than those of today, because there are improvements in all areas of life every day. Mark Spitz broke all kinds of swimming records about 10 years ago, but now a schoolboy can break Spitz's records. In my day, we trained twice a week for two hours. Now we train eight hours a week. In my day, you were generally a one-footed player up to 18 or 19. Today, you can watch a 10-year-old and wonder whether he's naturally right or left-footed.

SCHWAB: I'm not saying the skills are not there. I'm saying the spectators don't see the skill because of the way teams play.

MARGARITIS: That's a different matter. You're right. Coaches try to secure their positions by winning, or making sure they don't lose. To do that, they stop the good individuals in the opposing team. But that's not our fault. That started in England. They did it in 1968 to stop Brazil. They spent hours thinking about ways to stop Pele and Garrincha and they found a way of marking space and creating two or three against one. They had results, so they stuck with it. It all started from that. Beforehand, we lacked a lot in covering. It was a matter of individual effort. You'd say: My full back can deal with Zinni, or Sweeney. We'll be OK. Now, even if you're 90 per cent sure your full back can cope, you still give him cover, which makes it harder for good players to show skill.

SCHWAB: Surely that's bad for the guy who pays his \$5 at the gate.

MARGARITIS: I look at soccer as a business, and in Europe it's a successful business because people go to watch it in big numbers. If they didn't enjoy it, they wouldn't go. All I say is: If we are going to play this way, then at least let's play it well. I'm sure that if supporters learn more about the style, and learn about why we play this way, they will enjoy it more.

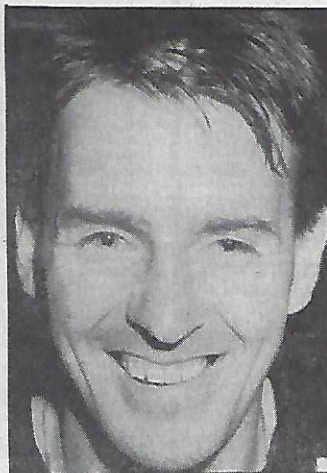
SCHWAB: How do forwards overcome such depth in defence?

MARGARITIS: Football is not a five-minute game. You have 90 minutes in which to wait for the opposition to make mistakes, and then you punish them. You need patience and discipline, you need fitness to keep on going, and of course you need good players who can outsmart the opposition.

SCHWAB: I was thinking more in terms of attacking from deep positions, through your midfielders, rather than relying on strikers who have to cope with the tight defence.

MARGARITIS: That's been one of Juventus's strengths. We've been able to come from behind because we have guys like Petersen, Wade, Miranda and Incantalupo. If you have good midfielders, they'll find chances to break through and score. You don't depend on your striker, but you have to have at least one because he plays without the ball and he gives depth and helps you create the triangle.

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• Robbie Cullen — forward who tackles, defends and scores goals.



• John Margaritis (left) supervises, from left: Charlie Egan, Gary Cole, Theo Selemedis, Steve Blair and Danny Wright during Socceroo training.



• Brunswick Juventus — champion of Australia.

To Italy for soccer, not the spaghetti

SCHWAB: What are the differences between the Hellas team you coached in the NSL, and your present Juventus team?

MARGARITIS: Well, you couldn't ask Steve Woodin to do what Robbie Cullen does. Woodin was a natural forward, who wasn't any good at coming back. Cullen can come back and defend as well. Andrew Zinni can act as a striker, but he's also tremendously fast and he can give you width. Alan Evans couldn't do that.

Our midfield is better than Hellas's was then, although Hellas finished second in a much stronger competition. However, at Hellas we had experienced players and we didn't have to worry about working on discipline and boosting confidence. At Juventus it's taken a bit of time to convince our players that they are good enough to do it.

SCHWAB: Can this team win another title, or do you need a few reinforcements?

MARGARITIS: Yes, we can win another one. Why not? They're young, there's room for more improvement, as long as they know their limitations. However, they can succeed only through hard work because every game will be a battle from now on. As for reinforcements, if I had to play tomorrow against anyone at all, and I had a Boniek on the bench, I'd still use my own players until one of them showed me they couldn't cope any more. What we do need is a Charlie Egan, who will score goals even if you played him at full back.

SCHWAB: If you do recruit, will you look overseas?

MARGARITIS: Maybe, but first Juventus has to secure its present players, its team manager, its coach, its committee. When everyone is happy, we can go from there.

SCHWAB: I'VE HEARD West Adelaide Hellas, among others, is keen to sign a couple of your players...

MARGARITIS: Some players might want to go to Adelaide for the fishing, but not for the soccer.

SCHWAB: Juventus is preparing for a trip to Italy, as reward for having won the national championship. You had been planning a match there against Juventus of Turin. Has it been arranged yet?

MARGARITIS: We've been waiting for a date on which Juventus of Turin can play against us. We also want one other date, and when they've been confirmed, off we go. It will be of great value to Juventus — both the players and the administrators — because we will be able to study the way things are done over there. We are going for the soccer, not for the spaghetti. In two weeks there we will be able to attend 20 or 30 training sessions, we will have a bus, and we will travel all over the place. During the day we will work hard, we will be well-organised. During the night, we

will have fun. I might stay on for a few weeks after the team leaves for home, so I can go to Greece for a while.

SCHWAB: First, you'll have to play in the Dockerty Cup. I believe you're not too happy with having another competition so late in the year.

MARGARITIS: No, I don't like the idea, but if we have to play, then we play.

SCHWAB: You're a renowned fisherman. What else do you do for relaxation?

MARGARITIS: Yeah, I'm looking for a good island with plenty of fish around it. Otherwise, meeting friends over a glass of beer will do me.

SCHWAB: Is it your ambition to be national coach one day?

MARGARITIS: It would be an offer I could not refuse.

SCHWAB: What is the secret of the Socceroos' success?

MARGARITIS: Frank Arok has a lot to do with it. His formation, his leadership. There is terrific understanding among the players. The boys realise there is good money in it for them, and that it's worth putting effort in for this beautiful country. They would be idiots if they didn't. They stick together to try to do the best possible job.

SCHWAB: What happens if the Socceroos fail in the Oceania qualifying series?

MARGARITIS: If you lose, you lose. If you are hit by a truck, then you are hit by a truck. There are no guarantees in this business.

SCHWAB: Which players have most impressed you this year?

MARGARITIS: Charlie Egan, for his finishing. He only scores from inside the box, but that is enough for any coach. Gary McDowell impressed me with his aggression, his hard work. Robbie Dunn is a good player, with great heading ability. Sean Lane has superior turning ability, he shields the ball well, he has good left-foot skills. Steve Smith also is a very good player. Jeff Oliver is a great goalkeeper and without him, Heidelberg would be in trouble. Vlatko Belic is big and strong and a good runner, who gives 90 minutes of effort. Steve Gojevic had trouble with his ankle but he's a complete player, and I like Josip Biskic for his skills. Oscar Crino had some good games.

Doug Brown for sale

SM-Hellas striker Doug Brown, 26, will be transferred when the transfer season reopens in December.

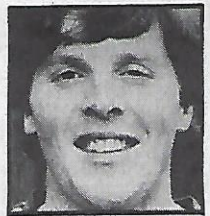
Brown (pictured) was top scorer in the NSL in 1983 and 1984.

He joined Hellas from Makedonia in a

swap for George Campbell in early 1983.

Previously he played for Sheffield United in England and Aberdeen and Clydebank in Scotland.

Brown's contract with Hellas has two years to run but the club has decided to introduce new blood. It is after a couple of big-name players from the U.K.



FLAVELL TO MOVE

Gordon Flavell's association with Makedonia is about to end.

He is fed up with the way the fans treat him.

Yet Flavell has served the club for almost eight years, since coming here from Scotland. His father Bobby represented Scotland, played for Dundee and was one of the first British players to be recruited to South America.

But the Makedonia fans don't like tough-tackling, no-nonsense style.

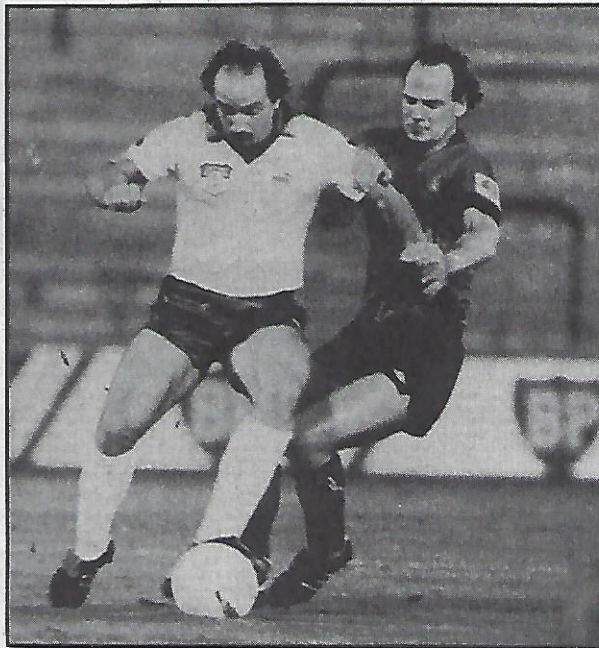
After being heckled during a match against Green Gully, he told coach Bill Murray that he wants to be released next season.

"The fans just won't get off his back," Murray said, "so I can understand his decision. Sure, he's not as skilful as a Crino or Petersen, but he's one of the toughest, hardest men I've come across and he always gives 100 per cent."

Flavell's disappointment has been exacerbated by injuries and by strong competition from young players George Gagic and George Petrov.



• Sean Lane is tackled by Sydney Olympic's Chris Polias (left) in the National Cup final.



• Gordon Flavell (right) of Makedonia tangles with Green Gully's Jim Williams

World Cup aim for Lane

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In his first two years with Preston Makedonia, Sean Lane has built up an impressive reputation as a dashing forward. At times he has shown touches of brilliance and put in match winning performances, especially in the Buffalo Gold Cup.

"When I first arrived here, I was a bit overweight and slightly unfit. During pre-season training I regained my fitness and lost the weight. I started playing with aggression and more effort and things have gone right for me," Lane said.

"The league has quite a few good players who could easily make it in Britain. The standard is all right, but the competition also has many players who would never make it in English Pub teams."

Makedonia's set-up, according to Lane, is terrific. "The lads and the whole team are great. They have treated me well. I think the team has basically a very good nucleus of players, notably in defence and the forward line. The midfield has been strengthened by George Petrov."

Lane has ambitions of playing for Australia in the next World Cup campaign, having made his debut in the B team against China on Monday. "I came to Australia for a bit of sunshine, and my permanent residency is coming through soon so I would like to play in the next World Cup, but looking at the present, I'm happy with Makedonia."

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● Roberto Vieri (left) scores for Juventus against Milan goalkeeper Curdici in the Stadio Comunale in Torino, with Schnellinger of Milan unable to help.

Roberto Vieri is back at Marconi and that's good news for all at one of our best clubs. Marconi's hierarchy has appointed Vieri as assistant to coach Les Scheinflug and as under 19 coach for next season.

A former Italian international whose playing career spanned more than 20 years, Vieri gave so much to football fans in his native Italy and more recently Australia.

For all those sentimental, football-loving fans there is no greater thrill than having a legendary figure in their midst.

But to the knockers (who grow quicker than grass) Vieri remains "an enigma" and will be treated as such until he proves himself.

Before I go back to that argument, let me introduce Roberto Vieri.

\$800,000 fee

He developed as a Player at Prato, a club which was never destined to reach great heights but regularly produced great players.

From Prato, Vieri moved to Sampdoria, one of the elite Italian First Division clubs.

There he saw Francesco, his team-mate, score an incredible 20 goals in 20 matches, for an average of 6.714 a match, the best in Italy since the 1950/51 season!

Vieri the natural player and playmaker, took a back seat but his style was soon to put him on the road to Juventus and stardom.

A transfer fee of 750 million lire (\$800,000), was spent by Juventus to bring Vieri from Genoa to Turin, a record at the time and indicative of the value placed on him by Juventus.

An even better deal was to follow a few seasons later when Roma, in search of success, parted company with two Italian internationals plus 400 million lire (\$400,000) to get Vieri. Spinosi and Capello went to Turin along with the cash to have the Juventus star play for Roma.

He was picked in the national squad to prepare for the Mexico World Cup. "Squadra Azzurri", including Vieri, visited Mexico in preparation for the World Cup, but on its return, Vieri was omitted. Rivera and Mazzola were preferred in midfield.

Vieri's next stop was Bologna and then came the offer from Australia!

Bologna insisted on 100 million lire (\$100,000), a far cry from the sum which saw Vieri move from Sampdoria to Juventus, but still it shattered Marconi's hopes of having Vieri in its ranks.

Frank Labbozetta, the man who instigated the move to get Vieri to Marconi, continued to negotiate with Bologna and in the end managed to get his services at great cost to himself but almost NOTHING TO MARCONI!

How would you like a World Cup player at your club for "nix"?

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The years that followed saw Marconi draw crowds of up to 12,000 spectators — an indication of the pleasing style preferred by spectators and the motivation provided by Roberto Vieri.

Herrera his boss

I'd hate to forget a stint Vieri had with Metro Croatia in Canada before he arrived in Australia. Metro beat Cosmos, which featured the great Pele, by 2-0 and both goals were scored by Vieri!

Age, the curse that threatens us all, decided the issue as far as his playing days were concerned.

Still celebrated in his native Italy, he has however fallen in love with his adopted country and intends to continue giving his best to football.

He started a new coaching career at Inter-Monaro, then moved back to Sydney to take over Marconi's under 19 side.

He picked up Marconi's youngsters when they were second-last half-way through the championship but by the end, they missed the semis by only the smallest of margins.

One cannot go overboard about his coaching ability — at least not yet — but I would like all to examine his record before I say my next piece.

Vieri has no peers in Australia when it comes to football credentials.

He was coached by none other than Bernardini at Sampdoria, Giannone at Bologna and the mighty Helenio Herrera at Roma. With the exception of Cesare Menotti he has seen them all at work, first hand — at least the important ones.

He has also followed overseas developments in the

Legendary Vieri to show youth the way

By ALEX VESIC

game over the past couple of years and has met most of the Australian coaches or seen them at work.

The time is now ripe for all and sundry to see that we have made an awful mess of things with our youth. So many talented kids have been wasted through the insistence on the physical over the mental, the rugged over the skilful.

Our national youth team, so successful and pleasant to watch in the past, looked awful during the World Youth Cup in the USSR and not much better in most of the qualifying games in Australia.

The essence at any sporting fixture is entertainment and our latest batch of boys, either by selection or by accident, just did not make it.

Vieri is the tonic we need.

The A.I.S. in Canberra has one of the most pleasant and hard-working souls in Jimmy Shoulder. But we need a more entertaining approach to the game. It is no longer a matter of just a result. In fact it is only too obvious that results cannot be obtained by marshal-



● Team-mates at Juventus — Pietro Anastasi (left) and Vieri

ling a bunch of unskilled kids. It is now a matter of survival for one and all that the skills be obtained.

And nobody can tell me that we've had a finer exponent of this art than Roberto Vieri.



● Marconi's 1980 squad, from left, standing: Brogan, Tomasic, Degney, Meher, Corry, Jankovics, Kricevic, Henderson, Mariani, Scheinflug (coach). Middle: Selvage, Berry, Raskopoulos, Colusso, Russell. Front: Prskalo, Vieri, Byrne, Sharne, Williams.

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An NSL berth for Blanco's boys?

Newly crowned NSW State League Premier, Canterbury Marrickville Olympic, will become the seventh Greek sponsored club in the NSL if its application for NSL status is approved and if the NSL retains its 1985 format.

Canterbury's crowd was never as large as what Olympic, its sister club, in Sydney, was able to muster but if its play is an indication of things to come then the soccer-loving public will flock to Canterbury's games.

Canterbury coach Raul Blanco, fast becoming one of the most sought after coaches in Australia, was responsible for the sudden rise of one of Sydney's oldest clubs. He was not retained by Melita last year and his move to Canterbury was a surprise to many.

Quite a few Melita Eagles members were furious about Blanco's unexpected departure. According to one prominent Melita member, Blanco failed to lodge an application to coach the club in 1985.

What? In fact the same person claims that it is in Melita's constitution that applications will be sought at the end of every season for the following competition year?

Surely this practice is outmoded.

There are some coaches who already have applied for quite a few coaching positions at other clubs. But there are a number of coaches who refuse to be part of this bizarre bawling scene. One of them is Blanco, who realised that he was not wanted at Melita, and moved on.

And what a good move that was. He was given a free reign at Canterbury and decided to go for his own brand of football — the South American style.

Everyone loves to win but Blanco pledged a lot of goals and a lot of entertainment first and foremost. And after some early season hiccups he moved into top gear. Sutherland was beaten twice, two draws were registered with Fairy Meadow but the prized scalp for Blanco was that of Melita Eagles.

Canterbury took Melita to the cleaners, winning 3-0 and 2-0. Blanco was elated with this success but felt sympathy for quite a few at Melita, those with whom he shared good and bad times during the club's only NSL season in 1984.

But let us now look at how 1985 panned out for Canterbury. The start was promising. Polonia was beaten soundly at Chopin Park with Anagnostopoulos getting two goals and Louis Dounis and John Karaspiros one each.

Then came the Avala debacle — a 4-1 loss — with Louis Dounis getting the consolation goal.

Round three saw the Berries race to a 3-0 lead against Uruguay with goals by Dounis, Nelio Borges and Marcos Silva, but the side failed to hang on to its lead after having a player sent off and eventually drew 3-3.

Canterbury registered another draw in round four. Louis Dounis and Paul Kirwan scored in the 2-2 draw with Fairy Meadow at Arlington.

Then came losses to Manly (1-2) at Cromer (Anagnostopoulos scored) and Ku-Ring-Gai at Parklands (1-2) with Paul Kirwan scoring the consolation goal.

Nelio Borges scored for his new club in round seven but that only was enough to see Canterbury achieve a draw (1-1) against Rockdale Ilinden.

Times were lean indeed.

In seven rounds only five points were collected and hopes of the Premiership, of even a top four position, at this stage looked hopeless.

Blanco, not satisfied with the performance of his backline, decided to move John Radman into the central defensive position and with Basterfield back after a spell the side had more strength.

The next 16 rounds saw Canterbury win 13 games and draw three to win the Premiership by a point from Fairy Meadow. Despite the loss of Basterfield and Dounis halfway through the competition, Canterbury never looked back.

Its exciting front runners, including two Brazilians, were just too much for their foes. Marcos Silva and Nelio Borges, the lads who grew up together, went to school together and shared the same jerseys at America of Brazil, looked a cut above the rest. With their abundance of skill they taunted their opponents to create many scoring chances.

Kirwan, with his aggressive style, was just the foil the other two needed.

Ortega and Hormazabal, two Chileans, added much to the South American style of football displayed by the Berries and Anagnostopoulos acted as both a destroyer and an attacking midfielder.

At the back, there was no stopping Canterbury with John Radman fitting in perfectly next to Eddie Pena, with Karaspiros and Hantzis the no-nonsense full backs. Goalkeeper Chris Hummell, the former Canberra and Australian youth star, was the man the Berries needed most. He was easily the best keeper in State League this year.

Round 8 saw the Berries defeat Bankstown 2-0 with Anagnostopoulos and Basterfield scoring. Then came a 2-1 win against Sutherland with Dounis scoring one and Anagnostopoulos clinching a late winner.

Melita was trounced 3-0 (Dounis 2, Kirwan), and Warringah Narrabeen was wiped out 7-0 with Borges and Silva playing their best soccer to date. Borges scored a hat-trick while Silva and Kirwan added two each. Then came a 2-0 win against Polonia with Kirwan and Hantzis scoring, the latter from the penalty spot.

Avala was beaten 2-0 at Knights Park and the Brazilian connection, Silva and Borges, scored.

Uruguay was beaten only 1-0 (Anagnostopoulos), then followed a 0-0 draw against Fairy Meadow before another 1-0 win, this time against Manly Warringah courtesy of a late penalty by Hantzis. Then followed a 2-1 win against Ku-Ring-Gai (Borges and Kirwan), 0-0 against Ilinden, then a storming run home.

A 3-1 win against Bankstown (Borges, Silva and Hormazabal), a sensational 6-5 win against Sutherland after being 0-3 down in the first 10 minutes and 3-5 down with 10 minutes to go (Hantzis scored two, Silva added another double, Borges and Radman also scored). Melita was beaten for the second time with goals by Hantzis and Kalogeris then the Premiership was sealed after an easy 3-1 win over Narrabeen at Narrabeen Sports Centre. (Kirwan 2, Borges)

— ALEX VESIC



• The Canterbury players at were set in the state team tier this. From left: Hantzis, Hummell, Borges, John Radman

MEET THE PLAYERS

Here are the men who have carried Canterbury to the threshold of NSL inclusion:

CHRIS HUMMELL (Goalkeeper): The most recent under 21 award winner in NSW, Hummell is certainly not a newcomer to good soccer. He must be ranked among the best in his side. Safe on the line, quick to come out and cover and most vocal in his instructions to fellow players, Hummell was a major cog in this well-oiled Canterbury machine.

ANGELO ANGELIS (Goalkeeper): Only 17 years old, this youngster is very highly rated by his coach Raul Blanco, but with Hummell in goal, Angelo had little chance to see action. Nevertheless, he did well in the second grade side.

JOHN KARASPIROS (Fullback): Earlier this season, Karaspiros was on the verge of leaving Canterbury. A volatile fullback and player who likes to do his own thing, he found Blanco a little too firm at the start. However, once Karaspiros settled down, he was eager to contribute. His own worst enemy in the past, Karaspiros was able to control his temper and his game has improved greatly. An attacking fullback he is at home on both sides of the park and also can be used in a central defensive position.

EDUARDO PENA (Sweeper): Out of the "big smoke" for about two years, he took time to settle and was jittery at first. Once Radman joined him, Pena was more at ease and able to show his wares. Part of Blanco's Latin policy,

Pena certainly didn't let his coach down. Anticipation and positional sense are his main assets.

JOHN RADMAN (Defender): The man who changed the fortunes of the Berries. He joined Canterbury's defence, the side did a match. He was made captain and led by example. Exceptionally strong in the air, this keeper has made his home in defence. For this tall defender was the discovery of the

SPIRO HANTZIS (Fullback): Now the man who is tipped to play for Australia back! Tipped by his own coach. Fast, aggressive, Hantzis has been the mainstay in defence for four seasons and is just 21½. He is a coach's delight. To top it all, he is one of the club's top scorers with five goals to his name. Not bad for a fullback.

CARLOS ORTEGA (Midfielder): Ortega returned to soccer after an absence of more than a year. Despite this break, Ortega none of his ability to control and distribute the ball. After 11 seasons as a professional in and some years in Australia, he almost but for Blanco's persuasive tongue. His position and professional attitude are fine examples for many youngsters at Canterbury.

RICKY HORMAZABAL (Midfielder): Former Chilean First Division import and 0 team mate at Blacktown City. He was a clutch in the side (after the departure of Spiro Hantzis) and his contribution was felt during Canterbury's unbeaten run.



• Canterbury's classy South American contingent. From left: Nelio Borges, Ricky Hormazabal, Marcos Silva, Carlos Ortega and Eddie Pena.

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Back row: Angelo Angelis, George Kalogeras, John Karaspiros, Chris Hummell, Eddie Pena, John Radman, Zeljko Miokovic, Con Eftimiades. Front row: Marcos Silva, Paul Kirwan, John Anagnostopoulos, Ricky Hormazabal, Carlos Ortega, Spiro Hantzis, Nelio Borges, Glen Laws. Picture: ALEX VESIC.

JIMMY BASTERFIELD (Midfielder): Having worked so hard to get into top shape after missing a couple of seasons, Basterfield suddenly decided to hang up his boots halfway through this season. An exceptional player with a never-say-die attitude. Basterfield was a great loss to Canterbury. "Had he played with an NSL side he would have been in the national team long ago," said Blanco recently.

JOHN ANAGNOSTOPOULOS (Midfielder): The "alphabet" kid had no problems in attack as well as defence this year. His six goals, coupled with fine skills and exceptional speed, mean this youngster has a long and successful road ahead.

MARCOS SILVA (Forward): An ex-Flamenco and America star, Silva failed to produce the goods before his arrival at Canterbury. His stint with Sydney Croatia came to very little. Suddenly, he blossomed alongside Nelio Borges and scored seven goals in the process. Had it not been for injuries and a late start in first grade, Silva would have notched a few more.

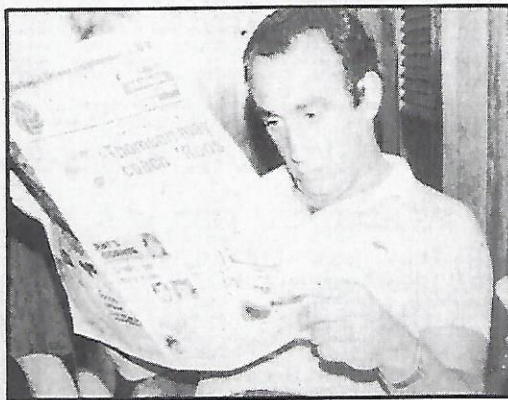
NELIO BORGES (Forward): Canterbury's most entertaining player. Nicknamed "Pele" by his team mates, Borges displays all the qualities

that grace the Brazilian soccer stage. His speed, silky touches and enormous ability to create chances out of nothing are rare qualities. It beats me how Eddie Thomson could have rated this man just a reserve grade player at Hakoah! It is this kind of player that will bring people back to the terraces. Borges was his side's top scorer for the year with 10 goals.

PAUL KIRWAN (Forward): After disappointments at Blacktown and Croatia, Kirwan finally nested at Canterbury. And he proved most capable. With nine goals to his name he was Canterbury's second top scorer, but more importantly, his aggressive attitude complemented the silky style of the Brazilian and Chilean players. Kirwan is an explosive type who loves to attack defenders.

LOUIS DOUNIS (Forward): Played in the first 10 matches and scored seven goals before moving to APIA. Had he stayed with Canterbury he would have certainly topped the goalscoring charts in State League.

GEORGE KALOGERAS, CON EFTIMI-DES, ZELJKO MIKOVIC and GLEN LAWS also played this season and all are part of Canterbury's plans for next season.



● Raul Blanco, the man who steered Canterbury to its historic NSW State League championship win, is an avid "Soccer Action" reader.

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Tradition is the big loser

• The cornerstone of tradition in Victorian soccer, the Dockerty Cup, was stolen from Fawcner's clubrooms last week.

The magnificent silver trophy, struck in 1909 and donated by the late Harry Dockerty, then president of the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association, was the most prized piece of silverware in Victorian soccer.

"It's the trophy I most wanted to win, the one I valued the most," said Fawcner J.L.S.T. goalkeeper Dennis Boland last weekend and many past and present players can echo Boland's sentiments.

Fawcner won last year's Dockerty Cup, earning the right to proudly display the trophy in his clubrooms this season.



• The late Harry Dockerty and his wife

NORTH DANDY UP IN ARMS

Man of the match:

STEVE MC COMBE

(North Dandenong)

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Fox own goal 60th, Storm penalty 81st) **NORTH DANDENONG** 1 (Mackie 51st). First game of a double header at Jubilee Park, Saturday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasimas 4 - Coker 5, Murray 5, Haupt 7, Varriers 6, Storm 6, M Bakker 5, Burton 7, Kebede 7 (Hoogland 71st) Wendimu 5 (Shannon 63rd, Stewart 8. Coach: Bill Curran.

NORTH DANDENONG: Kovac 6-Taylor 6 (sent off 70th), Fox 8, McCombe 8, Roberts 6-Symonds 5, Oliphant 5, Saunders 5-Colyer 6, Mackie 6, Ruiz 6. Coach: Arthur McWilliam.

The sending off of North Dandenong fullback Alister Taylor and the penalty which enabled Ringwood Wilhelmina to win 2-1 were greeted with uproar from the North Dandenong camp.

Taylor was preparing to take a throw-in in the 70th minute when the referee instructed him to go back a few metres down the sideline. Taylor did so, in a dramatic fashion which saw him take a couple of well-measured and deliberate paces. He then found himself staring at a red card! Mind you Taylor had been booked in the first half, but I felt his sending off was extremely harsh.

By MIKE LYNN

And the penalty which decided this issue also looked harsh to me. Fred Hoogland had replaced Sisaye Kebede in the 71st minute and I was amazed when the referee pointed to the spot after a challenge on Hoogland that I thought was legitimate. That was in the 81st minute and Kees Storm converted to make it 2-1.

Wilhelmina had much more possession in the first half but lacked penetration, and only had one shot on target in this period.

While Kenny Stewart and Kebede were dangerous out wide, Steve McCombe was eating up their crosses and it was North Dandenong which struck first, thanks to a dreadful mistake from Wilhelmina goalie Charlie Kasimas.

In the 51st minute Neil Collyer's free kick from outside the Wilhelmina area sent the ball straight to Kasimas

who dropped it, giving Ian Mackie the simple task of tapping in.

Wilhelmina levelled when Tommy Fox scored an own goal and the experienced Fox assured me after the match that it was a first for him in a lengthy career in Australian soccer.

Barry Burton the only Wilhelmina midfielder consistently playing the ball forward, won possession on the edge of the North Dandenong area and crossed. Storm headed back across goal and the ball struck Fox on the back of the head and lobbed over Chris Kovac.

Even after Taylor's departure, North Dandenong kept fighting. McCombe went up front in the last 10 minutes and showed tremendous touch for a big man when Wilhelmina only partly cleared following a North Dandenong corner. McCombe wheeled around and tried a delicate chip only to send the ball just over the far post.

Another scalp for Easts

Man of the match:

STEF BAZZANI

(East Brunswick)

EAST BRUNSWICK 3 (Bazzani 29th, 86th, N. Pat-sakos 70th) **YALLOURN** 0. First game of a double header at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

EAST BRUNSWICK: Mar-rana 7 - Maidani 7 (S. Roc-cioletti 60th), Romano 8,

Savio 8, Falcone 7 - N. Pat-sakos 8, V. Stojceviski 7 (Eyar 80th), Bramanta 7, Lepore 8 - Bazzani 8, Traficante 7. Coach: Rocky Santagelo (caretaker).

YALLOURN: Rodriguez 6 - Lasek 8, Leckey 7, McWhir-ter 7, T. Hiriart 6 - Trent 7, Mark Hiriart 7, Howard 6, Kir-stine 6 (Paine H.T. 6) - Collings 6, Polo 6. Coach: Tommy Leckey.

East Brunswick added the scalp of Yallourn to its haul as it continued its amazing Ricoh Dockerty Cup run. The other scalps

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 **CORIO** 0 after extra time. Springvale City won 5-3 on penalties in the second game of a double header at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry Mur 7 - K. Humble 6, Bent-ley 6, Vogel 6, Filipovic 6 - G Bannan 8, Adams 7, Simon 6 (Bell H.T. 6) - D'Amico 7, Nelson 5, Garvey 6. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

CORIO: Howe 8 - G Van der Chys 8, Malesic 8, Reardon 9, Carruthers 8 - Breneizeris 8, R Van der Chys 7, McGarrigle 7 - Friday 7 (Tanic 103rd), Carmichael 7, Nogger 7 (Op-per-man 58th, 8). Coach: Joe Malesic (caretaker).

Unsung, unwanted, and with apologies to the Oxford dictionary, uncoached, Corio arrived at Ross Reserve like a crowd of lepers and walked away like a troupe of soccer superheroes even though it lost.

This was the day that the mouse almost roared once more, for make no mistake about it, Corio so easily could have bundled Springvale out of the 1985 Ricoh Dockerty Cup. In the end it failed, thanks to the cruel hand dealt by rules which enforce a penalty show down in the event of a draw after extra time.

"It was a crime that they (Corio) lost. They were very unfortunate and it's a sad way to go out," said Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan.

"They really competed and

Man of the match:

PAUL REARDON

(Corio)

they made our fellows know that they were in a game."

Everything was against Corio from the outset. It just had had an ordinary season in Third Division. It was playing a State League side. It had lost its coach, Ernie Goiser, seven days earlier. He quit after Corio's 2-3 loss to Port Melbourne, Central defender Joe Malesic was in charge on a caretaker basis.

But cup folklore abounds with tales of the underdog reaching uncharted heights. Corio players knew this. They played upon it in their dressing room before the kick-off, talking about how Sunderland knocked off the then mighty Leeds United in the English F.A. Cup final in the 1970s.

They then ran onto the park without a care in the world and with a commitment to fight until they dropped. And fight they did.

Springvale created one clear-cut chance in the entire contest and it came in the 25th minute when Jim Nelson burst clear. Corio goalkeeper Sean Howe charged off his line presenting Nelson with the simple task of lobbing.

Nelson decided to drive the ball instead and after Howe made a superb parry, Paul Reardon slammed the ball clear.

Five minutes later, Corio

almost took the lead. Reardon was at the far post when a Red Van der Chys' corner came over. Reardon headed goalwards, teenager Robbie Nogger helped the ball on its way and Perry Mur was forced to tip over.

In the 42nd minute, Nogger got clear on the left of the Springvale area but Mur got down well to hold Nogger's firm drive.

A minute later, Dennis Breneizeris showed superb control out wide on the right to dribble past an opponent. Breneizeris's chys was well met by Nogger but the youngster headed wide of the far post.

McLachlan took off Andrew Simon at half time and put on Eddie Bell. Positional changes were made too. Jim Nelson went into midfield. Ged Banon dropped back to right back with Keith Humble pushing up into midfield while Bell played in his usual front running role. But the trend had been set. Say what you will about Springvale coming down to Corio's level but once you unmask such an elitist view you discover that the side supposedly superior could do nothing to lift itself to greater heights.

Corio's defence, in particular, was magnificent. Caretaker coach Malesic, stopper Reardon, right back George Van der Chys and left back Billy Carruthers were just about impassable. Goalkeeper Howe typified the growing confidence in Corio as the second half unfolded when he charged out of his area, dribbled past an opponent then sent

a long ball downfield for his forwards to chase.

Yet Neil Garvey could have saved Corio the pain of the penalty showdown when he pounced on a rare Carruthers' blenheim. It came in the 80th minute when Carruthers failed to clear effectively. The ball ran to Garvey who hurried his shot, sending it wide of the near post from 12 metres.

Mick Opperman had replaced Nogger in the 58th minute but it was during extra time that Opperman made his mark as a constant menace to the Springvale defence.

In the first half of extra time an Opperman free kick forced Mur to parry at full stretch and an Opperman header sailed just over the bar.

Opperman almost got free in the second half of extra time but a timely challenge dispossessed him when he was well inside the Springvale area.

Then came the penalty showdown.

Garvey converted his penalty attempt. Rod Van der Chys returned the gesture. Keith Adams scored from the spot then Carruthers, after an elaborate chimney shot wide Humble, Opperman, Bannan and Breneizeris all scored and Nelson was next, knowing that a successful penalty here would hand Corio out of the cup. Nelson made no mistake.

As usual, just one team sang its heart out in the dressing rooms after the match. Unusually, the singers were the men of the losing team.

Kakantonis, Gadsby sent off

Man of the match:

KEIRON COYLE

(West. Suburbs)

WESTERN SUBURBS 6 (K. Coyle 16th, 70th, McGuinness penalty 44th, 91st, Tuck 90th, Condilis 81st) **DOVETON** 2 (O. Nelson 5th, Priestley 61st). First game of a double header at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Apostolidis 5 (Hatzirazarou 70th) - Battist 6, Esposito 7, Dimovski 7, Hannell 6 - Coyle 8, Kakantonis 6 (sent off 53rd), Stenson 8 (Condilis 80th), Palmericotti 7 - McGuinness 8, Tuck 7. Coach: Jim Condilis.

DOVETON: Robbins 5 - Spinks 8, McLeod 6, Lowe 7, Gadsby 6 (sent off 52nd) - Cherrie 7, Killey 7, Wainwright 7, Sutherland 6 (Wright 57th), D. Nelson 7, Priestley 7. Coach: Ian Williamson.

This was a spiteful encounter and referee Sam Zoumas handed out five yellow and two red cards to retain control of proceedings. However, in between the totally unneces-

sary incidents, there were some good passages of play and of course there were eight goals scored, not a bad tally in 90 minutes!

Suburbs opened the scoring in the 16th minute when Keiron Coyle headed home Steve Kakantonis' cross at the far post.

Just on half time, Darren Tuck was released through the middle by Stenson. Tuck rounded Stuart Robbins and the keeper brought him down, diving at his feet. Bobby McGuinness converted the resultant penalty to give suburbs a 2-0 lead.

In the 52nd minute, Zoumas sent off Steve Gadsby for alleged abusive language. There was no disputing the decision as such. Anybody within earshot could hear the uncompromising remarks directed at Zoumas. There was, however, a lot of controversy with regard to the identity of the culprit. The Doveton players

and officials were adamant that the wrong player got his marching orders, but even if Gadsby was the innocent victim of somebody else's discretion, Doveton's numerical disadvantage did not last long.

A minute later, Steve Kakantonis, the recipient of a yellow card in the first half, was shown the red card for a tackle on Arthur Cherrie, thus balancing the ledger.

In the 57th minute, Nick Apostolidis fumbled the ball and Dave Nelson nipped in to pull a goal back from close range.

Four minutes later, Doveton equalised through Paul Crabtree who jumped high to head home Jim Spink's cross from the right.

Suburbs piled on the pressure in the last 20 minutes and clinched victory through goals by Coyle who pounced on the rebound from a McGuinness shot, substitute John Condilis who had an easy task in following good work by McGuinness again, Darren Tuck, who was put through by Condilis, and finally McGuinness who beat Robbins with a powerful shot on the run.

MOROVIC STRIKES!

Man of the match:

MARK WILSON

(Northcote)

ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Morovic 91st, 97th) **NORTH-COTE** 1 (P. Constantinou 98th) after extra time. Second game of a double header at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: De-beljuh 6 (M. Grigic H.T. 7) - S. Grigic 6, Ramjak 6, Pozar 6 - Kustura 6, Brkic 7, Dacic 7, Culina 6, Bozic 6 - Morovic 6, Batovic 6. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

NORTH-COTE: Giannopoulos 7 - Stiliadis 6, Cutler 7, Bozakis 5, J. Constantinou 6

- Toro 6 (Inj. Aretis 89th), Wilson 9, Patiniotis 8, Filippis 5 - Patsakos 5, P. Constantinou 6. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgopoulos.

It took Northcote just seven minutes of extra time to lose this match and Dinamo can thank its leading scorer Dennis Morovic for sending it through to this weekend's clash with Sunshine-George Cross in the 1985 Ricoh Dockerty Cup.

In the first minute of extra time, Northcote stopper George Bozakis, just outside his own area, was robbed by Morovic who stroled into the area then planted the ball past John Giannopoulos and inside the near post to make it 1-0.

Six minutes later, Morovic wriggled past two defenders

and although Giannopoulos did well to parry, Morovic pounced on the rebound and struck it in from four metres to send the Dinamo camp delirious.

Northcote midfielder Mark Wilson gave a wholehearted display and could have sent the game into a penalty showdown with a diving header late in the second half of extra time but Dinamo's substitute goalie Mato Grigic reacted well to tip over.

Grigic had replaced Mike Debuljuh at half time of normal time and had done well, reaching every high ball he came out for and only staying in his display when he by Grigic who pounced on the ball from Alex Filippis in the 8th minute of extra time, allowing Peter Constantinou to nip in and strike the ball into goal to make it 2-1.

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FIRST GRADE

MELITA EAGLES 4 (Walker 2nd, 63rd, Wilson 13th, Vial 73rd) **CANTERBURY 1** (Hantzis penalty 69th) in the preliminary final. Melita now meets Fairy Meadow at Marconi Stadium this Sunday in the Grand Final.

MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 8 — Laing 7, McCoy 8, Wilson 8, O'Rourke 7 — Davies 6, Farrugia 9, Vial 7, Griffiths 7 — Allan 7, Walker 8.

CANTERBURY: Hummel 6 — Karasypovs 6, Radman 8, Pena 5, Hantzis 6 — Ortega 5, Anagnostopoulos 6, Borges 9 — Kirvan 8, Silva 5, (Severl 76th), Kalogerias 5.

SECOND GRADE

MANLY O SUTHERLAND 0 after extra time. Manly won 4-3 on penalties in this preliminary final and meets Melita Eagles at Marconi Stadium this Sunday in the Grand Final.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Conradi 9 — Verdun 7, Russell 7 (Barker), Jurgens 7, Sestonovich 7 — Jerrall 9, Woodward 7, Vale 6 (Annan), Davidson 6, Baumgartner 6, Fox 8.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 7 — Parsons 6, Nelson 8, Bond 6 (Ball), Sellar 7 — Johnston 7, Clark 8, Le Rond 6 — Hughes 6, Duncan 5, Sharpe 5.

THIRD GRADE

SUTHERLAND 0 URUGUAY 0 after extra time. Sutherland won 5-4 on penalties in this preliminary final and meets Manly at Marconi Stadium this Sunday at 11am in the Grand Final.

SUTHERLAND: Mrvic — Pischke, Enssor, Ashton, Hewkes — Ward, Tever (Giovenco), Christodoulou, Loney, — Hill, Melier.

URUGUAY: Templeton — Acuna, Makke, Borrellio, Martinez — Montedessa, Calvar (Nunes), Locaputto — Aguiler (Arias), Vidal, Garcia.

Melita, Meadow in Grand Final

Melita Eagles 4 Canterbury 1

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 1220.
Referee: Peter Ramsey 10.
Cautions: Hantzis, Kirvan, Silva (C), Allan (ME).
Scorers: Walker 2nd, 63rd, Wilson 13th, Vial 63rd (ME), Hantzis penalty 69th (C).

Melita Eagles scored two quick goals through Barry Walker and Kenny Wilson then defended with discipline to down Canterbury Marrickville Olympic and enter the Grand Final against Fairy Meadow this Sunday.

It was a see-sawing affair during the first half with Melita taking an advantage through those two quick goals.

Canterbury's defence, especially John Karasypovs, took too long to decide what to do with the ball and eventually had to concede a corner. Ray Farrugia placed it to the near post for Walker to head past Chris Hummel.

Man of the match: RAY FARRUGIA (Melita)

It was an exceptionally well taken header, but where was Karasypovs? He is tallest man in his team and if he was at the near post, Walker would have had to call for a ladder to get near the ball.

So just two minutes and five seconds into the game the Berries were one down. Then 10 minutes later the game was decided.

Lenny Vial benefited from some good work by Farrugia to chip his cross to the far post for Kenny Wilson to head home from close range.

Hummel, the star goalkeeper of the State League, missed his interception attempt allowing

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC



Wilson to score the easiest goal of his career. Now Melita was 2-0 up with 77 minutes to go.

But in the 21st minute Nelio Borges strolled through as arrogantly as any player of his calibre can, only to hit one past Pupovac and onto the post. The ball bounced back into the path of two Canterbury forwards who hesitated and McCoy cleared.

Melita almost made it 3-0 in the 28th minute after Farrugia, the star of this game, robbed Borges to deliver a telling pass to Don Allen who hit the side netting from seven metres.

Paul Kirwan almost made it 2-1 after an attempt from 30 metres but

Dragan Pupovac made a great save.

Derek Laing made a mistake in the 59th minute allowing Kirwan to face Pupovac. His shot beat the keeper but McCoy cleared off the line.

As Canterbury attacked, Melita came out sporadically but its effort in the

As Canterbury attacked, Melita came out sporadically but its effort in the 63rd brought rewards. Vial intercepted a pass and fed Allan on the right flank. The pass appeared to travel too far and looked to be easy pickings for Eddie Pena. Somehow, Pena decided to relinquish possession to Allan who simply turned then crossed for Walker to score the easiest

of goals, sidefooting past Hummel from six metres.

The game was decided there and then. For most, but not Borges.

He fought his heart out and his creativity led to Anagnostopoulos facing Pupovac in the 66th, but Anagnostopoulos missed badly.

Borges hit back again, beating three players then after a one-two with Silva, facing Pupovac only to be brought down. That gave Spiro Hantzis the chance from the Penalty spot and he made it 1-3.

With Borges creating havoc at one end it was inevitable that most of his team mates would come forward. Billy Griffiths exploited the situation.

Griffiths robbed Radman and passed to Lenny Vial who unleashed one of the best shots I have seen at Marconi Stadium to give Melita an unassailable 4-1 lead.

Roberto Trafficante is back in the big time

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Frankston Pines have the chance of causing a major upset in the 1985 Ricoh Dockerty Cup when they clash with Footscray JUST on Sunday in the first match of a double header at Connor Reserve.

From all reports, there's a lot of unrest among JUST players and although JUST is expected to go through to the next round of the cup, it's likely that Pines will make it fight every inch of the way.

The eight Melbourne-based NSL clubs enter the Ricoh Dockerty Cup on Sunday and with the exception of Fourth Division club East Brunswick, are confronted by State League opposition.

East Brunswick runs into Melbourne Croatia in the first match of Sunday's double header at Olympic Park No. 1. That clash marks a return to top class soccer for former South Melbourne Hellas and Victorian youth team star Roberto Trafficante who will play on the left side of East Brunswick's attack.

Surely East Brunswick can't seriously entertain hopes of an upset but it certainly deserves

the honor of squaring up to Croatia after a sensational cup run.

The second match at Olympic Park No. 1 is between national champion Brunswick Juventus and Western Suburbs and no-one has more to play for than Suburbs' ace striker Bobby McGuinness who made his mark with Juventus in 1980 when he won the Victorian Rothmans Medal.

McGuinness is as sharp as ever and along with attacking partner Darren Tuck, who has made the transition from Third Division to State League look easy, will test Juventus defenders. John Dowie and Brian Brown.

Dowie and Doug Brown of South Melbourne Hellas were sent off during Australia's 3-2 win over the Victorian Press Select two weeks ago but even though that match was sanctioned by both the ASF and VSF it appears that neither player will incur a suspension. Which is just as well seeing that the other player sent off in that match, Charlie Yankos of Heidelberg, lined up for Australia against New Zealand last Saturday.

Preston Macedonia should be far too strong for Ringwood Wilhelmnia in the second match at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

Wilhelmnia had to battle hard for its 2-1 win over North Dandenong last weekend and it's stretching the imagination to near breaking point to contemplate a Wilhelmnia victory here.

McMillan, Dunn, Opasinis, Lane, Cole, Petrov all give Macedonia a huge class advantage. Macedonia will win.

Croydon City hopes to be included in the National League next year, so we're told, so we'll just have many players it will need to compete at that level when it runs into Heidelberg Alexander in the first match of Sunday's double header at Middle Park.

It may seem strange to say so, but Croydon has the edge in experience. Alexander has the legs though and should win but this clash could go right down to the wire.

Bill Whiteside, Kenny Taylor, Jim Tansey, Alan Kerr, Stevie Beech, Alex Livingstone, Peter Ollerton, Graham French and Dave Brogan will stretch Alexander but the National League outfit should pull through.

South Melbourne Hellas should beat Morwell Falcons in the second match at Middle Park. Hellas could line-up without the transfer listed Doug Brown and injured John

Yzendoorn, nevertheless, it should have too much class for Falcons even though players of the calibre of Stevie Moore, Jim MacLean and Russell Athersych will enable the Latrobe Valley outfit to give a good account of itself.

Bobby McLachlan returns to Green Gully Reserve on Sunday but this time he'll be greeted as a foe rather than a friend for McLachlan is coaching Green Gully's opponent Springvale City.

Springvale should have been beaten by Third Division club Corio last weekend but forget about that result when trying to weigh up the outcome of Sunday's game against Gully. The Vales have shown their ability against top State-League sides in the second half of the season and like nothing better than a fight. Gully should win, but Springvale probably will be able to hold its head high after the game.

St Albans Dinamo should be no match for Sunshine George Cross in the second clash at Gully Reserve. Cross strikers Ossie Latif and Carl Gilder, supported by Noel Mitin, Jeff Faulkner and Don MacLaren, should have too much firepower for Dinamo while Dennis Morovic and Ned Banovic won't find chances easy to come by against Tyrone James, Gerry Bennett and Chris Taylor.

Greg Warszawski replaced young Chetkuti at half time with Kevin Innes pushing up into midfield and Joe Vonja dropping back into defence.

But Morwell continued to dominate and went further ahead in the 60th minute. A delightful exchange between Moore and MacLean saw MacLean play a 30 metre ball to John O'Callaghan on the right. O'Callaghan's superb deep cross led to Effie Cassar on the left edge of the Polonia area. Cassar controlled well, cut inside, then watched happily as his half-brit shot went in under Fryzser's body.

Falcons cruised for the remainder of the match.

FRANK MACLEOD SACKED!

By KEN KONTRA

CROYDON 3 (O'Reilly 19th, 34th, French penalty 46th) **FAWKNER 2** (Quigley 54th, Cozzella 83rd). Second game of a double header at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

CROYDON: Whiteside 6 — Brown 6, O'Reilly 8, Taylor 7, Tansey 6 — Beech 6, Kerr 6 (Brewerton 74th) **LIVINGSTONE 7** — French 7, Brown 7, Ollerton 7 (MacDonald 74th) **Coach:** Peter Ollerton.

FAWKNER: Noble 5 — Schipano 6, Fattora 7, Angelle 7 — French 7, Le 7, Manganelli 6, Quigley 7, DiCiccio 6, Palinkas 7, Cozzella 7. **Coach:** Peter Boyle.

State League Champion Croydon dominated the first half, displaying a lot of method and composure, stringing passes together with ease.

Fawkner could not get its game going at all and looked a well beaten side — two goals down after 45 minutes and seemingly without any ideas as to how to disrupt the rhythm of

Man of the match: JIM O'REILLY (Croydon)

the well-oiled Croydon machine.

A word about Fawkner's young goalkeeper Corrado Tubile. He has a lot of talent, but the occasion proved to be just a bit too much for him. No doubt with experience he will be more decisive, but in this game he did not control the goal area and was easily intimidated. Regular stopper Frank MacLeod was sacked before the game and told to find another club and no doubt this unsettled the Fawkner team.

In the 9th minute following a corner, Croydon took the lead. Jim O'Reilly was given too much room and he planted the ball in the back of the net on the turn.

The same player put Croydon further ahead in the 34th minute, again from a corner, this time with a header.

In the opening seconds of the second half, Croydon was awarded a free kick just over the halfway line. Ken Taylor floated his kick to the far post, Noble missed the ball but a defender punched it clear. French had no difficulty in scoring from the spot.

In the 54th minute, Joe Palinkas beat Jim Tansey and Bruno Cozzella headed on his cross for Colin Quigley to nod it in from close range.

With 10 minutes left, Cozzella beat Billy Whiteside with an angled shot but hit the upright. Three minutes later, he was more successful when he outsped the Croydon defence and lobbed the keeper to reduce Fawkner's deficit to one goal.

Fawkner threw everything into attack but to no avail and despite its lapse in concentration at the second half, Croydon ran out a worthy winner.

Man of the match: TIBOR DRINOZCKY (Melbourne)

perience drinkers, found the September sunlight a touch too strong.

Melbourne was quite content to let Pines knock the ball about at the back but as soon as Pines entered their midfield third, they found themselves closed down quickly and effectively.

But not Pines midfielder Graham Watson who worked well down the left hand side, making his half time substitution puzzling.

Melbourne could have taken a 1-0 lead into the half time break when that talented player and on-field comedian, Tony Heery, took time off from taunting the Pines players to send over a corner to the far post. Costa Theodosopoulos headed well but Rick Janssen touched the ball onto the post and out.

Just before the break, a superb long ball from Watson found Paul Cooke unmarked on the right of the area but Cooke's first time volley was well over.

In between Kevin Roberts, Tibor Drinozcky and Alty Dick getting booked in the second half, Melbourne created two good chances. In the 66th minute, Vince Bannon, playing as well as ever, played the ball down the right to Paris Tzambazis. His cross was dummied by Danny Ward and the incoming Theodosopoulos struck a firm drive from 10 metres but Janssen did well to get down and parry.

Six minutes later, Steve Wild started the move which almost enabled Melbourne to break the deadlock. Wild played the ball wide to Vince Bannon whose far post cross was headed by Ward and Heery's first time flick went just wide.

Stan Webster, the supreme pest as usual, got in a great turn in the 79th minute and struck a 10 metre shot only to see the ball cannon off the far post and into Joe Kiss's arms.

But Webster had the last laugh. Just three minutes remained when the ball was headed on inside the Melbourne area and Webster's firm, low shot beat Kiss, sending the ball into the far corner to sink Melbourne's hopes.

Pines president Alan Stirling announced after the match that Danny McMinimie had been re-appointed as coach for 1986, ending speculation over the position.

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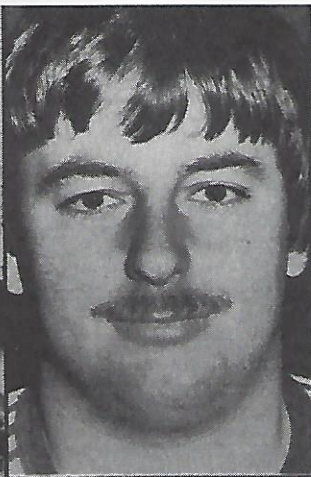
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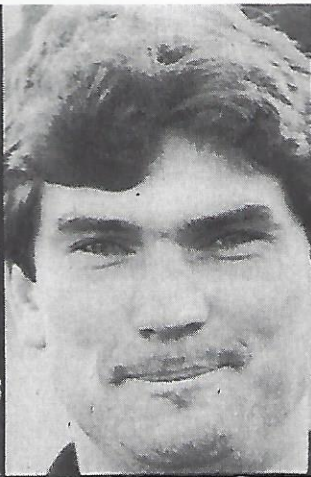
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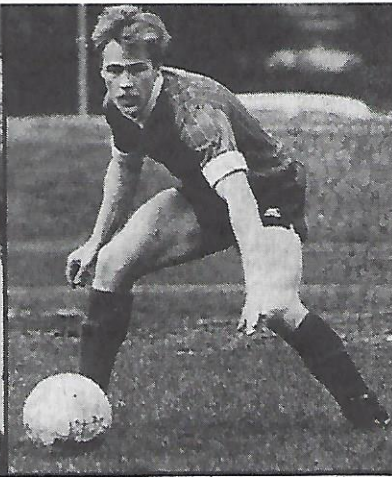
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● Croydon's Graham French



● Springvale sweeper Keith Adams

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● Here is our Victorian State League Team of the Year, based on voting in our Schipano Home Furnishers award:

11 — Mauro RAPONI
(Thomastown)

10 — Harrison (Box Hill)
7 — Dzielakowski (Polonia)

26 — Tony COSENTINO
(Thomastown)

14 — Haupt (Wilhelmina)
13 — Bingham (Morwell)

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(Springvale)

12 — Dimovski (Suburbs)
9 — Jovicic (Albion)

20 — Michael BISSINGER
(Knox City)

17 — Esposito (Suburbs)
15 — Brkljacic (Dinamo)

17 — Stephen DOUGLAS
(Albion)

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11 — Arcoraci (Thomastown)

21 — Branko CULINA
(Dinamo)

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13 — Cooke (Pines)

22 — Andy HUGHES
(Box Hill)

15 — Wilson (Northcote)
13 — Quigley (Fawkner)

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(Morwell)

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(Croydon)

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7 — Bozic (Dinamo)

28 — Bobby MCGUINNESS
(Suburbs)

11 — A. Humble (Box Hill)
10 — Athersych (Morwell)

27 — Stan WEBSTER
(Pines)

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10 — Verechia (Box Hill)



● Jim MacLean (Morwell)



● Joe Picloane (Albion)



● Dave Gibson (Polonia)



● Stevo Dimovski (Suburbs)

ALL THE VOTEGETTERS AND GOALSCORERS

Voting details in our Schipano Player of the Year award:

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- 27 — Webster (Pines)
- 26 — Adams (Springvale), Cosentino (Thomastown)
- 23 — Livingstone (Croydon)
- 22 — Hughes (Box Hill), MacLean (Morwell)
- 21 — Culina (Dinamo)
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- 13 — Beech (Croydon), Quigley, Boyle (Fawkner), Cooke (Pines), Bingham (Morwell)
- 12 — Little (Polonia), Dimovski (Suburbs)
- 11 — Reilly, Gilmour (Albion), A. Humble, McMillan (Box Hill), Bruns (Morwell), Bannan (Springvale), Raponi, Arcoraci (Thomastown)
- 10 — Harrison, Verechia (Box Hill), Kerr (Croydon), Underwood (Know), Athersych (Morwell), Stenson (Suburbs)
- 9 — Jovicic (Albion), Cozzella, Palinkas, Hobson (Fawkner), Cutler (Northcote), Nelson (Springvale), Tuck (Suburbs)
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- 7 — T. Latif (Albion), O'Reilly, Ollerton (Croydon), Pate (Knox), Tuffield (Morwell), Dzielakowski, Warshawski (Polonia), Bentley (Springvale), Bozic (Dinamo)
- 6 — A. Bennett (Albion), McKinlay (Box Hill), Thomas (Pines), Wild (Knox), Gianopoulos, Bozic (Northcote), Morovic, Dezic (Dinamo), Di Martino (Thomastown), Stewart (Wilhelmina)
- 5 — Macleod Di Cecco (Fawkner), Dick, Thurlow (Croydon), Healey (Knox), Toro (Northcote), Lipiarski (Polonia), Luca (Springvale), B. Coyle, Flaherty (Thomastown), Beattie, Tachiris (Suburbs)
- 4 — Purcell (Albion), Brown (Croydon), Terzini (Fawkner), Watson (Pines), Tunstall (Know), Train, Cassar, Moore (Morwell), Auld, Przybyla (Polonia), Matthews (Springvale), Kustura (Dinamo), Corke, Shannon (Wilhelmina)
- 3 — Cipri, Patsaman, W. Bryden (Dinamo), Edwards (Croydon), Sabbatino, Angele (Fawkner), Janssen, Ferris, Miller (Pines), McTurk (Knox), Blasby, McGorian, O'Callaghan (Morwell), J. Constantinou, Patsakos (Northcote), Avian (Polonia), D'Amico, Vogel, K. Humble (Springvale), Debeljuh (Dinamo), Tavorlario (Thomastown), Howe (Suburbs), M. Bakker, Nyholt (Wilhelmina)
- 2 — Hamill, K. Coyle (Suburbs), Carfora (Thomastown), Batiniotis (Dinamo), Garvey, Perry Mur (Springvale), Vonia, G. Czapnik, Smolarek (Polonia), Moshidis, P. Constantinou, Bekiaris (Northcote), Roddis, Turner, Byrne (Knox), Mancinelli, Jolevski, Fattore (Fawkner), Azzopardi, Basic, Lawler, D. Hennessy (Box Hill), Price (Albion), Meyer, Storm, Van Egmond, Lee, Kebede (Wilhelmina)
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Previous Teams of the Year

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- 1983:** Keogh (Doveton) — Peter Lewis (Green Gully), F. Macleod (Albion), Kalifatidis (Hellas), Hird (Juventus) — Biskic (Croatia), Moore (Northcote), G. Bennett (George Cross), Williams (Green Gully) — Tuffield (Fawkner), Cumming (Croatia).
- 1982:** Whiteside (Morwell) — Cutler (Albion), Mila (Polonia), Drinoczky (Frankston City), Neil (Morwell) — Nixon (Northcote), Tront (Wilhelmina), Tutill (Frankston City) — Webster (Doveton), Carroll (Wilhelmina), Smart (Albion).
- 1981:** Gilbert (Frankston City) — Pasman (Wilhelmina), Gardiner (Green Gully), P. Bannan (Croatia), G. Bennett (Green Gully) — G. Bannan (George Cross), French (Hakoah), C. Taylor (Sunshine) — G. Wallace (Green Gully), G. Macleod (Green Gully), Heary (Juventus).
- 1980:** Whiteside (Frankston City) — Curcio (Juventus), Dunne (Green Gully), Mussel (Sunshine), C. Murphy (Croydon) — Faulkner (Makedonia), Adams (Croatia), Lucchesi (Makedonia) — Cullen (Makedonia), Gilder (Croatia), Kent (Hakoah).
- 1979:** Denys (Green Gully) — Spink (Croydon), Ellis (Sunshine), Young (Frankston City), Hird (Altona) — Lucchesi (Juventus), R. Nelson (Sunshine), Whyte (Altona) — Cullen (Makedonia), McGuinness (Juventus), Cumming (Croatia).

Childhood dreams are blown away

Nothing shatters quite so tragically as old childhood dreams. Such as those held about the 'magic' of Hungarian soccer.

A recent visit there, away from what I often consider to be the "crude, dull, physical" Australian game, was a sobering experience.

There I saw the new Ferencvaros stadium, wondering for 90 minutes what on earth made their famous B Centre (a sort of Budapest Kop) so enthusiastic and happy.

Ferencvaros, once considered to be in Central Europe what Juventus or Bayern are now on the Continent, battled away against lowly Csepel, in front of 20,000 fans.

But the 'battle' was little more than a sub-standard clash between two teams which have clearly forgotten the skills of their ancestors and have not yet acquired the physical qualities of today's gladiators.

Poor Ferencvaros, the team of my youth, the subject of my romantic love for almost half a century, could hardly stomach together three moves in 90 minutes which would please a true fan.

In the end they managed a squeaky 1-0 win, with an own goal — and their young supporters left deliriously happy.

As I have often said before, in modern soccer only a win — any win — counts.

I watched, first with hope and later with sinking heart, how some of the celebrated young lions of Ferencvaros failed to remind me of my youthful heroes, the Lazars, Polgars, Sarosis, Koranyis and Gyetvalcs of the late 30s and early 40s.

Players like Banki, Zsinka, Fischer, Kvaszta, Strausz and others are so painfully ordinary that they would not make Frank Ark's national team.

Of course, much the same applied to their opponents — Csepel — but that was to be expected, they are running last and are widely tipped to be relegated.



Andrew Dettre

While it's true that Ferencvaros has no current Hungarian national squad players, purely on its display I hold fears for Hungary's results in the 1986 World Cup.

Perhaps the Honved, Videoton and Győr "stars" are marginally better than those of Ferencvaros — but I seriously doubt if that margin will be enough to create a team of strength and class.

Several well-travelled Hungarian colleagues share my pessimism.

Some told me in Budapest that during the qualification period Hungary had played really well only once, in Vienna, when it won 3-0. The rest of its displays were mediocre.

While in Hungary I met two old soccer friends.

Florian Albert, the European Player of the Year in 1967, rated as the best player since the Puskas Team of the 1950s, is now in charge of the Ferencvaros juniors and youth sides, some 14 teams and their coaches.

Albert, at 42, looks fit



Joe Gelei

enough to play a match any time.

Recently he spent three years coaching in Libya but he's happy to be back home.

Without a doubt, Albert has been Hungary's most controversial soccer star for many years, possibly surpassing the famous, or infamous, Puskas.

Legends and gossips have formed a mixed halo around his head; rumors had it that during his playing days he would 'eat' coaches for breakfast.

Of course, Albert denies this; he smiles at all this nonsense.

And, a few days later, I see his views vindicated in a brilliant book by Miklos Boscsak, "The Emperor — And Then The Darkness".

In this Boscsak destroys most of the wild gossip about Albert and paints a fascinating portrait of this brilliant ex-star who, in that memorable 1966 World Cup match in Liverpool, led Hungary to a thrilling win over Brazil.

The other old friend I met was Joe Gelei, coach of St George a few years ago and now in charge of Csepel.

Gelei and some Budapest journalists took me out to a delightful dinner in Budapest; one of the colleagues was Jeno Boskovics, sports editor of the Hungarian News Agency, MTI who, in 1982, accompanied their national team to Australia.

A few days later I met Gelei again, after that drab Ferencvaros match.

I was hesitating whether I should say hello to him, expecting to see a devastated man mourning an unlucky loss.

But Gelei was his pleasant, friendly old self; took me by the arm and led me into the

Csepel dressing room, mainly to meet his tall son — now the team's brilliant young goalie.

Joe Gelei himself was a Hungarian international many times, including the 1966 World Cup finals; now his son is the goalie of the Under-23 national team and destined to match his father's deeds.

Both Albert and Gelei remember well their many friends in Australia, asking about St George Budapest people like Alex Pangrass, Les Bordacs, Emery Nagy, Frank Arok and Tony Balazsi.

As if to add more nostalgia to this visit into the past, I also met, for a brief cup of coffee, the hero of my childhood, Dr Gyorgy Sarosi.

In the 1930s and early 40s he was rated as one of Europe's top players, the embodiment of skill, elegance and sportsmanship.

Sarosi has been living in Genoa, Italy for many decades now; in recent years in retirement.

While he was visiting Budapest, his close friend and former team-mate Geza Toldi died there.

Sarosi didn't attend the funeral. "I couldn't," he said to me softly, a sad, tired old man, choking on his tears. "I would have broken down."

It would be lovely to report that Dr Sarosi looks well, fit and healthy — but he doesn't; he is gaunt, very thin with sunken eyes and suffers from some hip problem that makes him walk with a decided limp.

He asked about his old friend, Julius (Drumi) Polgar, who lives in Sydney.

"Drumi was put up by my parents when he joined my club, Ferencvaros from Kistelek," Sarosi recalled.

"The three Sarosi brothers, Laci, Bela and myself, and Drumi lived like a family."

"I have still not seen many players with his impeccable kicking technique."

• Next week: Matches bought and sold in Hungary — and how it's done.



Northcote, 1985 Victorian High Schools champion, back row: J. Tanges (coach), Steven Tsitas, Tarsh Genis, Michael Sangas, Chris Denis, Matthew Katakis, Chris Kotsakidis (captain), John Mantis. Front row: Bill Papageorgiou, Louie Papadimitriou, Peter Stavros, Fotios Banasios, Nick Kolendrianos, Nick Sangas. Missing: Nick Hatzelazaris, Sam Vaniciotis.

NORTHCOTE NO. 1 SCHOOL

Northcote High School last week became the 1985 Victorian High School champion when it defeated Ardeer 2-1 in the final even though the Northcote boys played with just 10 men during the second half.

Northcote last won the Victorian High School title in 1981.

Its 1985 success was punctuated with many highlights including a stirring 3-0 victory against Thornbury in the zone final and a stunning 7-1 win over Kew in their semi-final.

Northcote captain Chris Kotsakidis was his team's star scoring three hat-tricks during the competition which saw Northcote score 28 goals and concede only five.



Australia's Oscar Crino rides a tackle from New Zealand captain Allan Boath in Auckland on Saturday. No. 4 is Ceri Evans.

I pericoli del successo

Come era nelle previsioni, la "Presentation Night" della Juventus è stata il degno coronamento sociale di un'eccezionale annata sportiva. Sabato scorso la nuova elegante Empire Reception di Brunswick, gestita con le ormai ben conosciute efficienza e impeccabilità dal signor Nunzio Maggiore e dal figlio Aldo, è stata scena di una delle più trionfali manifestazioni sociali nella storia del club bianconero.

Oltre settetecce persone hanno affollato la sala fino all'inverosimile ed hanno respirato a pieni polmoni l'aria del trionfo sportivo della squadra campione d'Australia; è stato un bagno di gloria, di entusiasmo, di compiacimento, di euforia.

Oltre ai componenti della prima squadra, sono stati accomunati nei festeggiamenti le due squadre cadette U/18 e "Youth Team", la prima vincitrice del campionato di categoria e imbattuta, la seconda piazzata al secondo posto nella classifica finale del duro campionato cadetto della NSL, l'acclamato delle tre squadre e il successo ottenuto da ognuna di esse hanno offerto un vasto panorama di ricchezza di talenti che fanno ben sperare per il futuro della squadra.

La Juventus non dispone solo di una prima squadra campione d'Australia, ma anche di giovani che possono già essere considerati realtà (i vari Minichello, Durakovic, Mezzadra, Palatsides, Grbac) ed altri che sono delle belle promesse.

E dietro questi vi è tutto l'enorme vivaio giovanile di Summer Park che negli ultimi anni, specialmente, sotto la guida di Donato Manduca ed altri entusiasti dirigenti e genitori, è diventato un organo di efficientissima e armonica continuazione a sfarzo dei giovani talenti a ritmo sempre più accelerato.



with ROCKY DI ZIO

Quindi la "Vecchia signora" del calcio australiano sta attraversando un periodo di ottima salute su tutta la linea. Purtroppo però vive in un ambiente molto predisposto a "virus" che possono attaccare la nuovissima sana costituzione e ricostituirle a letto con Dio solo se quanti e quali malattie. I classici "colpi d'aria" possono venire da molte direzioni: da basse gelosie, da ingiustificata invidia, da esagerata vanità, da estremi personalismi, da sete di riconoscimenti, da facili pettegolezzi, da ingenuità, da piccole vendette.

Questi pericoli sono sempre in agguato negli ambienti sportivi e possono diventare particolarmente dannosi nei momenti di apparente massima salute.

Vogliamo precisare che il club è "più" grande dell'individuo e che il successo del club non può necessariamente significare che tutti ne possono godere in parti esattamente uguali o che tutti indistintamente ricevano il riconoscimento dovuto. L'importante è che il club abbia successo e che ognuno ne senta l'intima soddisfazione a prescindere dal fatto che venga ringraziato e osannato pubblicamente in tutte le occasioni per anche la più minima ragione.

perdonabilissimo, invece per alcune persone diventa la fine di lunghe amicizie, la fine di appassionata militanza bianconera, quasi la fine del mondo.

L'abbiamo detto in altre occasioni e teniamo a ripeterlo ancora: il successo può fare brutti scherzi ad un club perché esso scatena tutta una serie di emozioni umane che non sempre combaciano con gli interessi a lunga scadenza del club.

Ci auguriamo che la Juventus (dirigenti, soci, tifosi, giocatori, tecnici, collaboratori, genitori e ragazzi) sappia vivere con il successo e non diventarne vittima. Molti altri successi più duraturi e significativi di una semplice vittoria di campionato (o dal punto di vista personale, di un trofeo o di una medaglia) sono a portata di mano se soltanto non ci si lascia offuscare la mente di piccole, passeggero ed egoiste considerazioni.

Ci sono tanti altri campionati e coppe da vincere, ci sono il campo e la sede da costruire, c'è la possibilità di fare della Juventus il più grande e duraturo club sociale-sportivo della comunità (italiana di Melbourne: le opportunità per riconoscimenti e per soddisfazioni sono infinite e non vale perciò la pena "ammalarsi" per anche la più minima manchevolezza del sistema presente).

Youth Team — Best and Fairest, Mehmet Durakovic, capocannoniere, F. De Amicis, migliore clubman, J. Vallese, Most Improved, M. Cosentino.

Domenica prossima la Juventus entrerà nel torneo della Dockerty Cup assieme alle altre squadre della N.S.L. ed incontrerà l'Western Suburbs (con l'ex bianconero Bob McGuinness in gran forma), altra squadra italiana impegnata nel turno e l'East Brunswick, sopravvissuta alle eliminatorie, che si misurerà contro il Croatia all'Olympic Park con inizio all'1.15 pm (prima partita).

Twine best at Sunbury

John Twine scooped the awards pool at Sunbury's annual presentation night last Saturday.

Twine won the club's best and fairest award and the players' Player of the Year award. Young George Traikovski was runner-up in the best and fairest award.

Martin Catterson's 15 league goals earned him the top scorer's award. The reserves best and fairest award was won by Billy Porter. Robbie Duncanson was runner-up.

The most improved player award went to 15 year old Paul "Tiger" Deacon.

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Skroman Rezultat

Nacionalni selektor Frank Arak je izjavio da neresen rezultat u Aucklandu odgovara njegovim planovima, koji treba reprezentaciju Australije da overu u Meksiko 1986 godine.

Međutim, tokom cele igre, a posebno u prvom poluvremenu, Arak je bio veći zadrht nego srećan i zadovoljan čovek. Nasa navala skoro se nije videla Mrežu domaćeg tima sa uspehom je ugrozio jedino Zarko Odinakov, igrač australijanske odbrane.

Na utakmici sa Kinom mora se napraviti korektura sa povratkom Soppera, ali Kosmin treba dati još jednu sanu. On je oportunist, kome nije pruzena prilika da iskoristi svoje kvalitete, jer se igrao bez krila i centarsteva.

Dakle, do utakmice sa Izraelom, koji već ima 4 boda, mora se uraditi nešto da navala bude efikasnija što zavisi i od sredine koja gradi igru.

Dobrotvorni Turnir

Na dobrotvornom turniru u Sunshine-u, koji je organizirao George Cross u korist svog igrača Ivana Istuka (polovino nogu na tri mesta na utakmici sa JUST-om), "PLAVI" su izveli podmlađen sastav.

Prve dve utakmice JUST je odigrao izvanredno, ali u trecioj nije imao snage iako je imao odlične sanse.

Postignuti su sledeći rezultati:
George Cross - Juventus 3:0.
Strelci: Glider 2 i Latif 1.

Alexander - JUST 1:0.
Strelac: Metaxas.

JUST - Juventus 3:2.
Strelci: Lazopoulos, Tapai i Macleod za JUST, Caralco i Trim-boli za Juventus.

George Cross - Alexander 0:0.
Alexander - Juventus 2:1.
Strelci: Tzolakis i Selemides za Alexander, Demikas za Juven-tus.

George Cross - JUST 3:0.
Sudili su vrlo dobro po dve utakmice Stojkovic, Simonis i Soren-sen.

Turnir je uspeo u svakom pogledu, narocito materijalnom, sto je bila njegova svrha.

Pobednik je George Cross sa 5 bodova koliko ima i Alexander, ali slabiji golralnik. Treci je JUST sa 2 boda, a zadnji sampon Juventus bez bodova.

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Nedelju dana ranije JUST je priredio uspešan turnir za juniore ispod 12 i 13 godina.
U finalu ispod 12 godina Springvale United pobedio je JUST sa 2:0 posle izvanredne igre.
Finalne ispod 13 godina: George Cross - JUST 5:2.

Dockerty Cup

U nedelju 29. septembra igraju se osmine finala Dockerty Kupa na četiri igralista. Posle dužeg odsustva u ovo takmicenje ucljucci su se i klubovi Nacionalne lige.

Na Connor Reserve u Reservoiru protiv utakmice igra JUST protiv Frankston Pinesa u 1 sat po podne, drugu Makedonija protiv Ringwood Citya u 12.30.

Na Olympic Parku program je sledeci: Melbourne roatia v. East Brunswick u 1 po podne i Juventus v. Western Suburbs u 3 po podne.

Na Middle Parku Heidelberg igra protiv Croydon Citya i Hella protiv Morwell Falconsa.

U Green Gully v. Springvale City i George Cross v. St Albans/Dinamo.

Zaostale Utakmice

ROYAL RICHMOND/SINDELIC - COBURG 3:2 Sindelicu je odgovorio neresen rezultat, ali Dragan Vasic, koji prethodno nije iskoristio jedanaesterac, uspeo je u zadnjem minutu da postigne pobedonosni gol, koji more pomoći Ringwood Srbiju u borbi za opsnak u drugoj diviziji.

RINGWOOD SRBIJA - SANDRINGHAM 0:1 (0:1). Igraci Ringwood Srbije igrali su nervozno, zbog vaznosti utakmice, li propustili su da iskoriste niz lepih prilika, dok je protivnik li jedne sanse postigao gol u 44. minutu, koji mu je doneo dva boda.

Minut kasnije, pred odlazak na odmor, li ljubisa Bosancic je sa jednog metra prebacio loptu preko prečke i skoro prazan gola.

Sastav Ringwood Srbije: Jimmy Milisavljevic, Miki Sedlarevic, Steve Hall, Alex Nelson, Zoran Popovic, liubisa Bosancic, Robert Erdic, Pavle Jevtic, Adem Demir, William Ross, Zoran Lakic (Bosko Cvjetkovic).

Ringwood Srbije igra jos jednu zaostalu utakmicu protiv South Oakleigha od koje zavisi opstanak u drugoj diviziji.

CENTRAL CITY/CRVENA ZVEZDA - CLARINDA <4 (0:2). Po jedno poluvreme branili su Nikola Popovic i Kostu Avramovski i svaki nosi po jedan gol na dusi.

Sastav Zvezde: Nikola Popovic (Kostu Avramovski), Zoran Roksanovic, Bogomir Stibij, Borac Belakovski (Nikola Radunovic od 46. minuta), Dragan Milenkovic, Ivan Karic, Dejan Obradovic, Bora Andjelkovic, Stevica Mecavin, Sasa Milenkovic, Goran Simic.

Crvena zvezda igra vaznu utakmicu sa West Meadowsom u subotu 28. septembra za Provisionalni Kup zbog cega je uzela igraliste JUST-a u Footscray. West Meadows ima veliki broj navijaca iz jake turske zajednice u Melbourne.

Rezervna Zvezde gost je Pascoe Vale Pelistera, takodje za Provisionalni kup.

U prvom kolu Provisionalnog Kupa Williamstown mladost gost je Ivanhoe Citya, dok Pascoe Vale Pelister igra protiv East Geelonga u Geelongu.

parkmore pavi dunav 8 mitcham 2:0 (2:0). Strelac oba gola bio je Istvan Tot u 15. i 40. minutu, ali je u medjuvremenu uspeo da promasi jedanaesterac.



by Manos Milios

ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΩΝ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΕΤΕΙ ΘΑ ΠΑΙΞΕ ΣΤΟ ΜΕΞΙΚΟ;

Είναι να γελάς κανείς με μερικούς από τόν Όμοσπονδιακό προπονητή Φράνκ Αροκ με τό να πιστεύει πως ή ένθνηή Αυστραλι-ας είναι σέ θέση να παίει στους τελικούς τόν Παγκοσμίου Κυπέλλου στί Μεκίκο. Είναι δυνατόν μετά από τό θάμα πού εί-δαμε τό περασμένο Σάββατο στί 0-0 μέ τή Ν.Ζηλανδία, να έλπίσουμε;

Αλλά αυτό πού δέν καταλάβαμε άκόμη εί-ναι ή έπιμονή τού Αροκ στίους μέλλους πίκτες.

Είπαμε ότι δύο - τρείς πεπεισμένοι πά-ντα χρειάζονται σέ μιλ ένδεκάδα. Ό φί-λος μας δό φρονι όμως τό παρήκανε. Μάζε-φε τούς τρανταχτές και άφρησε πίκτες σόν τόν Πατίνα να είναι θεατές.

Όταν όμως τό καταλάβει πως οι Όκονορ Κορμάν,Κορνήν,Ρουκτόν,Ράτλιν,Μέρου και άλλοι δέν κάνουν πλέον γιά τό ένθι-κό συγκρότημα,θα είναι πολύ άργά.

ΤΑ ΑΠΗΛΑΝΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΗΣ ΜΑΣ

Σέ έποικιαστές χώρα πού τό ποδόσφαιρο έχει τήν πρώτη θέση στί άθληματα, ή ένθ-η ή ομάδα γίνεται μέ βάση τήν πρωταθλη-τρια γιάτί έπόμεινο είναι γιά να κερδίσει μία ομάδα τόν τίτλο, να διαβεί και μω-νέδες άλλα καί σφύλου.

Στήν Αυστραλία συμβαίνουν όλα τά άπίθα-να και από τήν πρωταθλήτρια Ριουβέντους μόνο δ Πίτερσεν έχει κληθεί και αυτός γιά τόν πάγκο.

Και τό άλλο: Ό καλύτερος πίκτης τής Αύ-στραλίας γιά τό 1985 δ Ρέιμ Πατίνας κα-τά τήν γνώμη τού Αροκ δέν έχει θέση μέ σα στήν ένθνη ή ομάδα!

ΑΝΔΡΙΤΗΣ : "ΔΕΝ ΠΑΡΑΚΑΛΩ ΚΑΝΕΝΑ"

Λαγωνικά τής Έλλάς έπείσαν τόν Ανδρί-τη τόν ποώτο σκόρπο τού Κλάτον και τής κατηγορίας του να κάνει τήν πε-ρασμένη Τρίτη προπόνηση μέ τήν διάδατους στί Μέντλ Πάρκ.

Πήγε δ πίκτης έλλά όπως μάς είπε δέν θα ξαναπάει.

Κανέναν -έλληνα-δέν μέ σύστησε στόν Δέν Μακέντν,ούτε γνώριζε τίποτα... Δέν θα παρακαλώ γιά να παίζω σέ μετάλη ομάδα άλλα θα παίζω μέ τήν άξία μου. Και κάτι άκόμα... τούάμα δέν πγαίνω πουθενά"



Ο Μάρας Τζότζος είναι τόν Αιωνότατο τού Σάουθ Σπρινγκφιλντ. Αυτός και ένθνηή πίκτης είναι ή ψυχή ή ομάδα. Όπως αν και σα περισσότερο παί-χνια ήταν τραυματίας καθόλου να είναι από τούς πρώτους πίκτες τού Σπρινγκφιλντ.

ΜΟΝΟ Ο ΔΙΑΓΙΝΗΣΗ ΗΤΑΝ ΚΑΛΟΣ

Αν ήθελε κανείς να συλλάβι τό ποδόσφαι-ρο δέν είχε παρά να έρεπε τόν άγανα γιά τό Ντόκερτυ Κάμ μετάξ τόν δμάδων Έστ Μκράνονγουικ και Ριουάλτοφ.

Και στί 90 λεπτά τής συνάντησης ό δύο έντιμολοί έπαίζον ένκευριστική κλωστο-κοβή πού κβθε έλλο παρά ποδόσφαιρο θέμι-ζε. Τήν νίκη τελικά πήρε 3-0 ή Ιταλική ή ομάδα από τό Ριουάλτοφ ήταν άνύπαρκτο έ-πιθετική.

Τών μόνο πού έσχυράσαμε σέ έλο τό διάστη-μα τής συνάντησης ήταν δ σερσέρ κ. FRANK DEAK πού κινήθηκε τήν μάτλα και τίς φά-σεις περισσότερο από μερικούς πίκτες.

ΔΕΝ ΒΑΖΕΙ ΥΠΟΧΡΕΙΩΣΗΤΑ Ο ΠΕΤΙΝΑΙΕ

Μού άπηγόρευσαν οι γιατροί τά πάντα,μω-είπε δ πρόεδρος τού Όλυμπικ Τζιμ Πετινέ-λης,και άνοηγατικά δέν θα βάλω όσποφύβη-τητα. Πρώτα ή όγεια μου και μετά όλα τά άλλα. Και στί έκτελεστικό σμά τού NSL πού είναι,άν κούραζομαι θα παραιτηθώ και από έκει.

ΠΑΙΞΕ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΓΥΝΑΙΚΕΙΟ ΤΜΗΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΡΑ

Μιά χαρά τά ήγιναν τό Γυναικείο Τμήμα τού Μέγα,μέχρι πού ξαφνικά τό παράτησε! Ζημιά όσοσδήποτε γιά τόν σόλλογο πού εί-χε τήν σχετική οικονομική βοήθεια. Και έχι τίποτε άλλο έλλά έλεγα ότι ίσως να έσπαζαν τό ρεκόρ τού δάτη Καρυπίδη.

μέ τίς 56.000 δολάρια πού είχε συγκεν-τρώσει μέσα σέ ένα χρόνο.

ΕΛΠΙΣΕ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ Ο ΠΕΑΟΠΕ

Τό Σάββατο δ Πέλοπας γιά τό Προβίζιοναλ Κάπ άγωνίζεται έντός έδρας μέ τό Σέφου-ντ και είναι τό φαβορί τής συνάντησης.

Η έλληνική ήμάδα μέ λίγη προσοχή δέν ά-ποκλείεται να κερδίσει τό βαρύντιμο έπαθ-λο.

ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ: ΜΕ ΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΙΖΕΙ ΣΤΟΥΣ 8

Τό Κλίφτον Χίλ άγωνίζεται τό Σάββατο μέ τό Ριουάλτοφ. Τό ότι ή έλληνική ήμάδα θα παίζει μπροστά στίους φίλδθλους τής, είναι καί πού τήν φέρουν φαβορί τής σύ-νάντησης.

Αν νικήσει ή κωνάνευκος,θα περάσει μέ τούς δικούς στίους προημιτελικούς.

ΤΟ ΕΛΑΥΣ ΣΠΡΙΝΚΒΑΙΝΑ ΣΤΗΝ 4η ΘΕΣΗ

Νίκησε έντός έδρας τό Σάουθ Σπρινγκφιλντ 6-5 τό Μελγκραϊνθ και τερατίωσε στήν 4η θέση τού Βαθμολογικού πίνακα τής Α' κα-τηγορίας τού Προβίζιοναλ Λίγκ.

Τό ότι στί Β' γύρο ή έλληνική ήμάδα εί-χε μιά βασιλίσια κορεία είναι άποτέλεσμα τής καλής συνεργασίας τόν Κλίφτον, τόν προπονητή Χρήστο Πιτσιλόν-Χρήστου Πέ-τρο, τού Δ.Σουμζούλου και τής άγάπης τόν φιλάθλων.

Όλοι μαζί άξίζιουν συγχαρητήρια γιάτί κατάφεραν μέ τήν πρώτη χρονιά να διακρι-θούν.

Στό μάτ μέ τό Μελγκραϊνθ τά γκόλ πέτυ-χαν οι Κατσάρδς 3,Τουμάζς 2 και Βασ.Λογυ-ρόπουλος.

Καλύτερος τού άγώνα ήταν δ σέντερ φώ-ρ Στάθης Κατσάρδς ένά ή άμυνα έπεσε σέ βα-σικά λάθη.

Αριστή ήταν ή διαίτησία τού κ.Σ.ΒΙΑΛΕ-ΟΚΙ.

ΕΠΙΤΥΧΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΑΤΡΟΜΗΤΟΥ

Στόν τελευταίο άγώνα τού δ Ατρώμητος έχα-σε βαθιά από τό Νάκνιτονγκ και παρεχώρη-σε ίσοπαλία 2-2 (Νάκνιανς - Πασιόλης).

Η έλληνική ήμάδα στί Β' γύρο έχασε μόνο ένα βαθμό!

Ό τυχερός άριθμός τού λαχου τού συλλό-γου ήταν τό Νο 493.

Τόν κέρδισε δ κ.Π.Πατιονιάνης 1.000δολ.

λάρια από τό όποιο δάρισε 200 στόν σόλλο-γο.

Τιά φιλικούς άγώνες τηλεφώνησα στόν Τζιμ Μάσι στί 306 4346.

Προπονητή ζητάει δ Ατρώμητος γιά τή νέα σαιόν. Οι ένδιαφερόμενοι να γράφουν στί Ρ.Ο.ΒΟΧ 273 GLENROY 3046.

ΙΚΑΝΤΕΝ ΕΙΠΥ

Τό Γκάρντεν Εστ τήν Κυριακή θα παίζει μέ τούς παλαιμάχους τού Σάουθ Σπρινγκφί-λη. Η συνάντηση θα άρχισι στίς 12.00 και είναι στί πλαίσια τού έορτασμού τόν όποιο διοργανώνει τό Σ.Σπρινγκβήλ στί γηπέδο τού γιά τά τζούνιορς.

Κατά τήν διάρκεια τής ήμέρας θα γίνουν άγώνες τζούνιορς και θα άποσυμφορν τή άναμνηστική έπαθλα στίους μικρούς άσους τού συλλόγου.

ΕΟΡΤΗ ΚΑΙ ΣΤΟ ΚΡΑΗ

Και στί γηπέδο τού Ώνλθ θα γίνουν άγώ-νες τών τζούνιορς τού συλλόγου και θα άωθούν τά άναμνηστική έπαθλα σέ όλα τά παιδιά.

Ό έτήσιος χορός τού συλλόγου θα γίνει στίς 12/10 στί δημαρχείο τού Μουράμπιν.

ΒΑΡΑΤΕΡΙΚΟΣ: ΑΥΤΟΙ ΠΟΥ ΑΣΕΡΟΥΝ ΠΡΕΣΙΕ

Η ΤΙΜΟΡΕΥΝΤΑΙ ΠΑΡΑΣΠΙΜΑΤΙΚΑ...

Κατηγορηματικός ήταν δ πρόεδρος τού Κλί-φτον Χίλ Κώστας Βαρέττικος όταν ρωτήθηκε σχετικά μέ δύο πίκτες τού ό ποιοι έσ-πασαν τό συμβόλαιό τους και παράτησαν τόν συλλόγο τούς στί μέση τής σαιόν.

Πρόκειται γιά τούς Σπράτκιν και Πετρώπου-λο γιά τούς όπόλους δ έλκελότες παρέρων δή-λωσε: " Η άθέτηση σέ όποιάδήποτε περίπτω-ση τιμωρείται. Στήν προκειμένη περίπτωση ό δύο αούτοι πίκτες έκαναν και ζημιά σέ όλους μας και βασικά τόν σόλλογο.

Αν ήταν συνεπείς στί Κλίφτον Χίλ ίσως τώρα να είχαμε άνεβεί κατηγορία. Οι άπό-λειες μάς στίλχισαν και περισσότερο στόν προπονητή μας.

Από τό κείμενο σάν σόλλογος,ήταν ή έπί-σημη καταγγελία στί VSF. Αν έγώ και τό όπλοπιο Δ.Σ δέν κλάμας τήν καταγγελία, σίγυρα θα είμαστε σέ δύσκολη θέση γιάτί δέν θα έξυμπεριτομασε τά συμπεράσματα τού συλλόγου".

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